ZERO'S FAMILIAR Chevalier

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Ta ha ha
MORE LIKE I'M FEELING SOMETHING SOFT AND SQUISHY.
UH... NOT SO MUCH EXCITED...
TAKING A JOURNEY MAKES YOU FEEL EXCITED, DOESN'T IT?
RATTLE
RATTLE...
SQUEEZE
DO YOU REALLY NOT LIKE ME AT ALL, MR. SAITO?
BUT...YOU HAVEN'T MADE A MOVE, EVEN THOUGH I'M RIGHT HERE...
!!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUH? WHA--?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WORRY
WORRY
TH-THAT'S NOT IT! I JUS--

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Story

The Story of Zero's Familiar

SAITO HIRAGA WAS AN ORDINARY TEENAGER... UNTIL THE DAY HE WAS SUMMONED TO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF HALKEGINIA. A CUTE BUT INEPT MAGE NAMED LOUISE SCREWED UP HER SUMMONING SPELL AND MADE HIM HER FAMILIAR, A MAGICAL SERVANT MEANT TO PROTECT HER AND DO HER BIDDING.

LOUISE'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, PRINCESS HENRIETTA OF TRISTAIN, WAS MANIPULATED INTO A POLITICAL MARRIAGE THAT WAS USED AS COVER TO ATTACK HER COUNTRY. A SHADOWY FORCE KNOWN AS THE RECONQUISTA INFILTRATED ALBION'S GOVERNMENT TO SPARK A WAR BETWEEN ALBION AND TRISTAIN. ALBION'S GREATER MILITARY FORCE AND MASSIVE FLEET OF FLYING SHIPS WOULD HAVE CRUSHED TRISTAIN'S FORCES IF NOT FOR A LAST MINUTE WILD CARD--SAITO, WHO MANAGED TO FIX AND PILOT A ZERO FIGHTER PLANE THAT HAD FOUND ITS WAY TO THIS WORLD, AND LOUISE, WHOSE LEGENDARY VOID MAGIC AWAKENED JUST IN TIME, MANAGED TO REPEL THE ALBION FORCES.

THEIR VICTORY WAS SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER. ALBION WAS WEAKENED BUT NOT DEFEATED, AND NOW THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE HEADED FOR ALL-OUT WAR.

Halkeginia Map

Characters

Saito Hiraga

AN ORDINARY JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, SAITO WAS SUMMONED BY LOUISE AS HER FAMILIAR. HE LATER DISCOVERED THAT HE'S THE LEGENDARY FAMILIAR KNOWN AS "GANDALFR," WITH THE ABILITY TO WIELD ANY WEAPON. HE USUALLY FIGHTS WITH DERFLINGER, A MAGICAL BLADE THAT'S CAPABLE OF SPEECH.

Louise

A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT TRISTAIN'S MAGIC ACADEMY. SAITO'S MASTER, SHE HAS PINK-BLOND HAIR AND REDDISH-BROWN EYES. SHE WIELDS THE LEGENDARY ELEMENT KNOWN AS "VOID." DAUGHTER OF A POWERFUL NOBLE FAMILY, SHE IS EXTREMELY PRIDEFUL AND STUBBORN. ALSO KNOWN AS "LOUISE THE ZERO."

Cast of Characters

Kirche

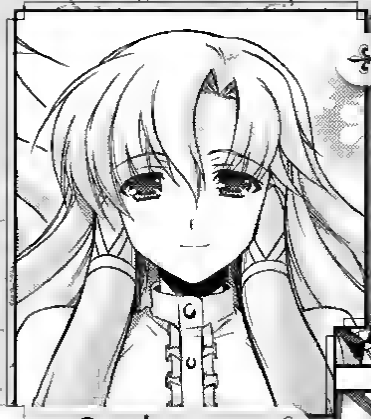
LOUISE AND TABITHA'S FRIEND AND ANOTHER STUDENT AT THE MAGIC ACADEMY. SHE HAS A BRIGHT, WILD PERSONALITY AND SPECIALIZES IN FIRE MAGIC. ALSO KNOWN AS "KIRCHE THE ARDENT."

Siesta

A COMMONER. SIESTA IS 17 YEARS OLD AND WORKS AS A MAID AT THE TRISTAIN MAGIC ACADEMY. SHE HAS FEELINGS FOR SAITO AND MAKES THEM KNOWN OFTEN. HAS AN IMPRESSIVE RACK.

Tabitha

A TOP STUDENT AT TRISTAIN'S MAGIC ACADEMY. DESPITE BEING A GIRL OF FEW WORDS AND FEWER EXPRESSIONS, SHE IS VERY CLOSE WITH LOUISE AND CO. ALSO KNOWN AS "TABITHA THE SNOWSTORM."

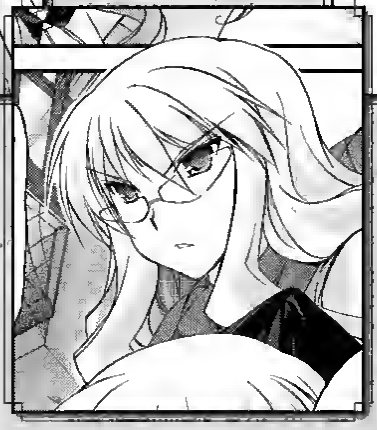


Éléonore

LOUISE'S OLDEST SISTER, A BRILLIANT AND ENTHUSIASTIC EARTH MAGE. SHE CALLS LOUISE BY THE NICKNAME "BABY LOUISE."

Cattleya

LOUISE'S SECOND-OLDEST SISTER. LOUISE ABSOLUTELY ADORES HER.

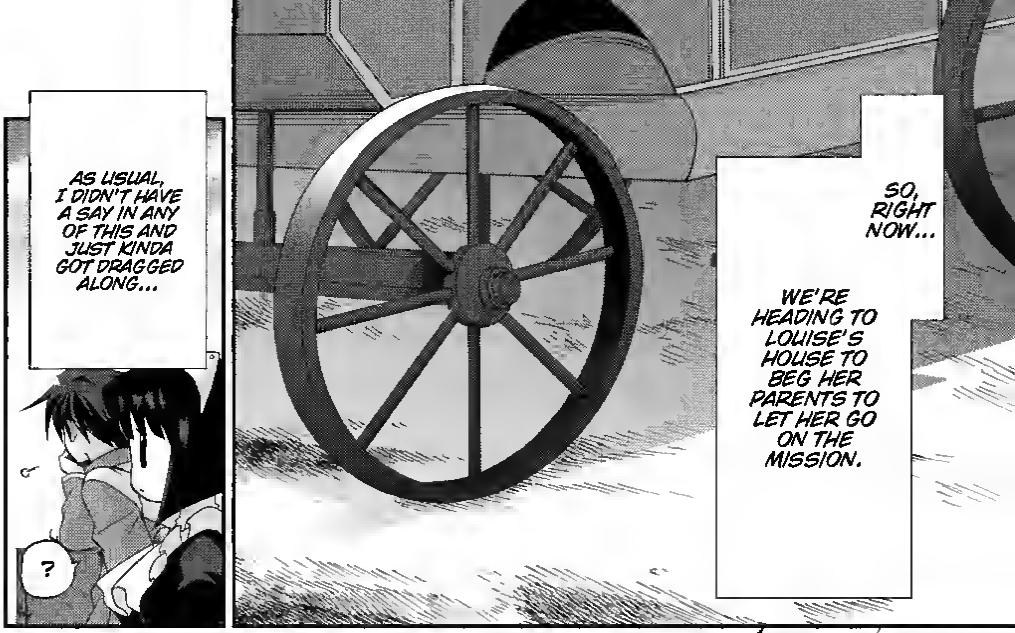


Henrietta

PRINCESS, AND LATER QUEEN, OF THE KINGDOM OF TRISTAIN. SHE TOOK THE THRONE AT THE START OF THE WAR WITH ALBION. LOUISE'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

HEY! YOU TWO, GET AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, NOW!!
Noo! Save me!
SQUISH
CRUMBLE
UGH!
YANK
BABY LOUISE.
I-I WAS JUST... UM...MY Ffamiliar AND THIS MAID WERE--
STRETCH
LEAVE THEM ALONE! YOU'RE A DAUGHTER OF THE LA VALLIÈRE FAMILY, SO I EXPECT YOU TO ACT LIKE IT!
HEY! PAY ATTENTION! I'M NOT FINISHED TALKING!
Y-YES, MA'AM
WORRY
Sigh...

AFTER WARDES BETRAYED US AND ALBION ATTACKED, ALL OF TRISTAIN GOT DRAGGED INTO A LONG, PAINFUL WAR.
AND JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, THE MAGIC ACADEMY ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO COUNTERATTACK AND INVADE ALBION.
SOME OF THE TEACHERS, INCLUDING HEADMASTER OSMOND, WERE AGAINST IT...
AND SINCE TRISTAIN DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH SOLDIERS FOR THEIR PLAN, A BUNCH OF THE NOBLE STUDENTS WERE MADE INTO OFFICERS.
AS FOR LOUISE, WHO'S BOTH A CLOSE FRIEND OF QUEEN HENRIETTA AND AN EXTREMELY RARE VOID MAGE...
SHE WAS GIVEN A SPECIAL TASK THAT WOULD SEND HER STRAIGHT TO THE FRONT LINES.
THE ROYAL ARMY IS COUNTING ON LOUISE, BUT LOUISE'S FAMILY BLOCKED THEIR PLANS.
OOOW...


AS USUAL, I DIDN'T HAVE A SAY IN ANY OF THIS AND JUST KINDA GOT DRAGGED ALONG...
?
SO, RIGHT NOW...
WE'RE HEADING TO LOUISE'S HOUSE TO BEG HER PARENTS TO LET HER GO ON THE MISSION.

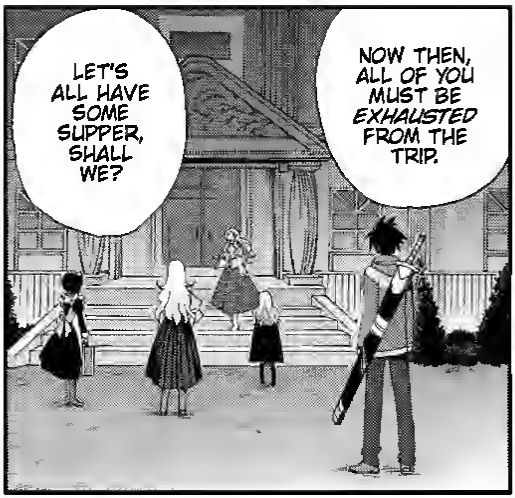
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I'M FIGHTING ANYMORE...
RATTLE
RATTLE

WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

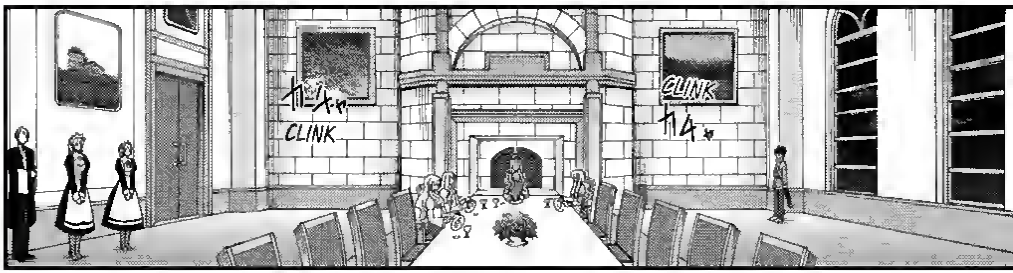
HUH?
THIS IS YOUR HOUSE, LOUISE...?
IT'S HUGE!!
WELCOME HOME, MISS ÉLÉONORE AND MISS LOUISE!
.....
IT'S AMAZING-!
.....
WELCOME HOME, LOUISE!

THANK YOU FOR COMING SO FAR.
SMILE
NOW, LET ME SEE YOUR ADORABLE LITTLE FACE... IT'S BEEN TOO LONG!
WHOA, WHAT A BABE!
And check out those boobs!
BA-BUMP
DASH
BIG SIS-!
CAT-TLEYA.
GLOMP
IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG, BIG SIS~!

OH MY, OH MY.
HUH?
OH MY GOODNESS...
すたTP すたTP
WHA--?!
OH MY GOODNESS...!
UM...BIG SIS-? HOW ARE Y--
STARE
UH... C-CAN I HELP YOU?
ドキ BA-DMP
ドキ BA-DMP
ドキ BA-DMP
ドキ BA-DMP
YOU MUST BE LOUISE'S LOVER!
UH, HANG ON...!
HE'S JUST MY FAMILIAR! W-WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING LIKE THAT--!
OH, REALLY?


NOW THEN, ALL OF YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED FROM THE TRIP.
LET'S ALL HAVE SOME SUPPER, SHALL WE?

I'M SO VERY SORRY! I SOMETIMES JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT. DON'T MIND ME!


カーン
CLINK
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S-SO, UM...
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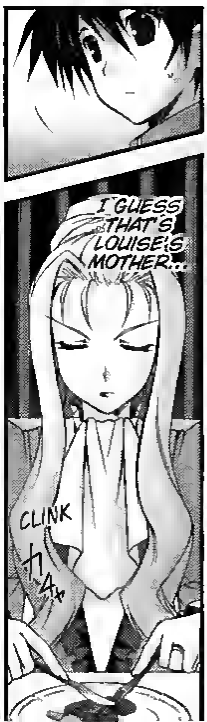
I GUESS THAT'S LOUISE'S MOTHER...
CLINK
カーン

UGH... WHY AM I STUCK STANDING HERE...
It's so stuffy
CHEW
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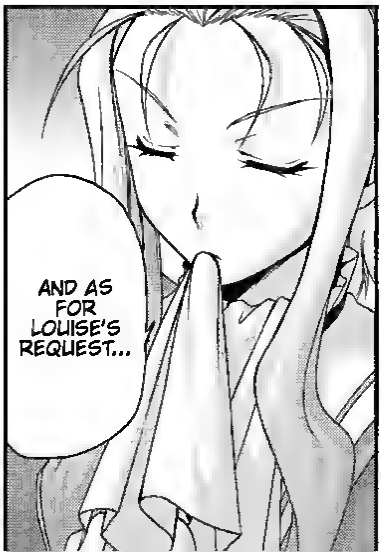
CHEW

MOTHER!
MOTHER ...
WILL YOU PLEASE TELL LOUISE OFF, ONCE AND FOR ALL?!

SHE'S ACTUALLY SAYING SHE WANTS TO GO TO WAR!
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW SHE GOT SUCH AN UTTERLY FOOLISH IDEA STUCK IN HER HEAD!
HOW CAN YOU CALL IT FOOLISH TO JOIN HER MAJESTY'S ARMY?
OF ALL THE OUTDATED, BACKWARDS IDEAS...!
LEAVE THE WAR TO THE MENFOLK!
1ST STAND
HER MAJESTY ASKED ME TO DO THIS. SHE HAS FAITH IN ME.

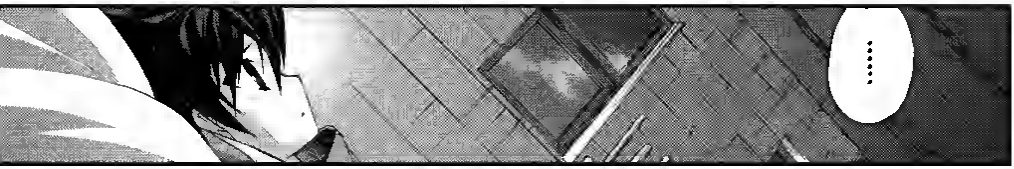
IN A ZERO LIKE YOU!
Y--
UGH.

?
THE REAL QUESTION IS, WHY WOULD HER MAJESTY HAVE FAITH...


AND AS FOR LOUISE'S REQUEST...

I'M SORRY...
ÉLÉONORE, LOUISE. THIS ISN'T THE TIME.
I CAN'T TELL THEM ABOUT THE VOID MAGIC...

WE'LL DISCUSS IT TOMORROW, AFTER YOUR FATHER ARRIVES.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KNOCK KNOCK

HUH?
I WANTED TO COME SAY HI.

I'M JUST A COM-MONER..
AND A LOWLY FAMIL-IAR.

MMM...

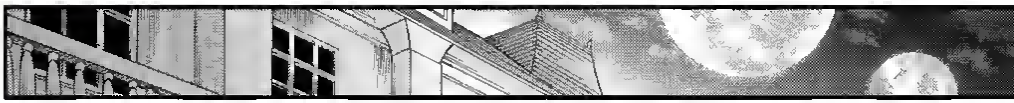
IT WAS EASY TO IGNORE AT SCHOOL, BUT I GUESS LOUISE REALLY IS ONE OF THE ELITE.
SHE'S FROM A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORLD...

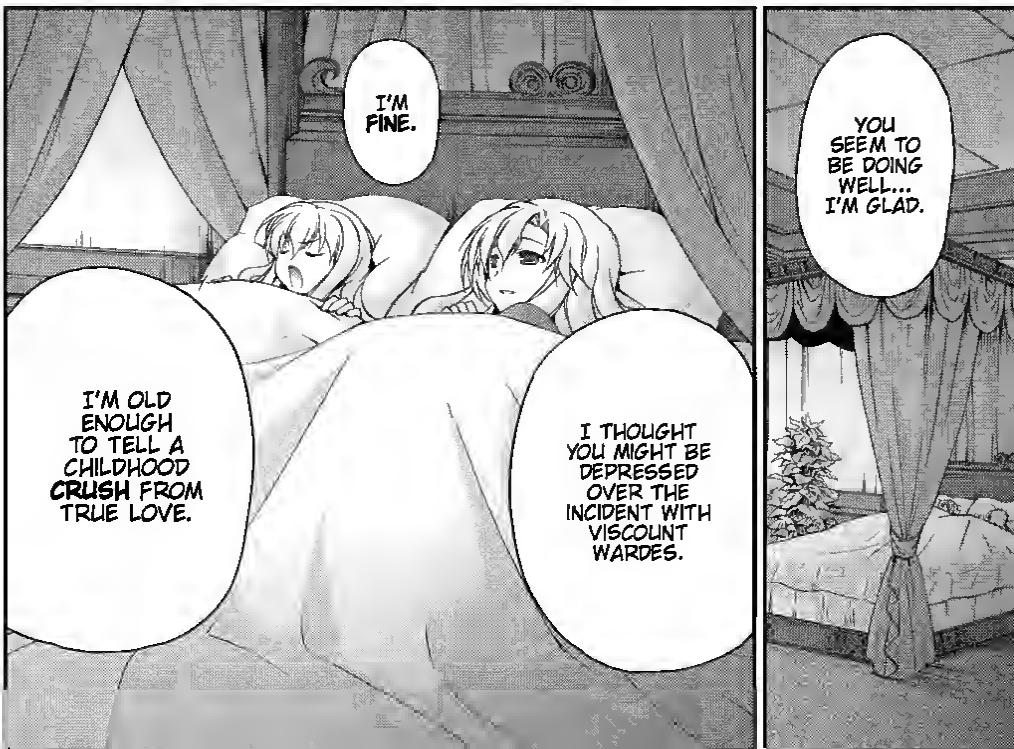
THOUGH, IT'S NOT SURPRISING-- HOUSE VALLIÈRE'S ONE OF TRISTAIN'S FIVE MAJOR NOBLE FAMILIES.
THIS CASTLE IS MASSIVE, YOU KNOW. I GOT LOST A FEW TIMES JUST TRYING TO GET HERE!
WHAT?
I GUESS... A GIRL LIKE ME DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ALL THAT.
Gah!
S-SIESTA?!
INCH
INCH
I'VE SEEN THE WAY YOU LOOK AT HER.
IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY OBVIOUS...
I ALREADY KNOW HOW THINGS ARE.
BA-DUMP

B-BREASTS! I'VE GOT HER 100% B-BEAT THERE!
Hah
Hah
BUH. BUH...B-BUT! THERE'S ONE THING I'LL NEVER LOSE AT TO MISS VALLIÈRE!
SIESTA? ARE YOU... DRUNK?!
Hiccup!
バターン FLOP
WAAAH!!
Hiccup?
HICCUP!
BOFF

NN...
H-HANG ON, SIESTA!
OH, SAITO~!
waaah!!

THUNK!
Y-YES, MA'AM!
TWITCH
YOU DRINK TOO.
STARE じと?
I nabbed a bottle at dinner Drink up!
O-oh okay, I guess




I'M FINE.
I'M OLD ENOUGH TO TELL A CHILDHOOD CRUSH FROM TRUE LOVE.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE DEPRESSED OVER THE INCIDENT WITH VISCOUNT WARDES.
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WELL... I'M GLAD.

COUGH
COUGH
HACK
BIG SIS~! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
THAT'S SO MATURE, LOUISE.
YOU'VE REALLY GROWN UP.

I'M FINE.
I'VE TRIED ALL SORTS OF THINGS, BUT...
I JUST DON'T SEEM TO GET ANY BETTER.
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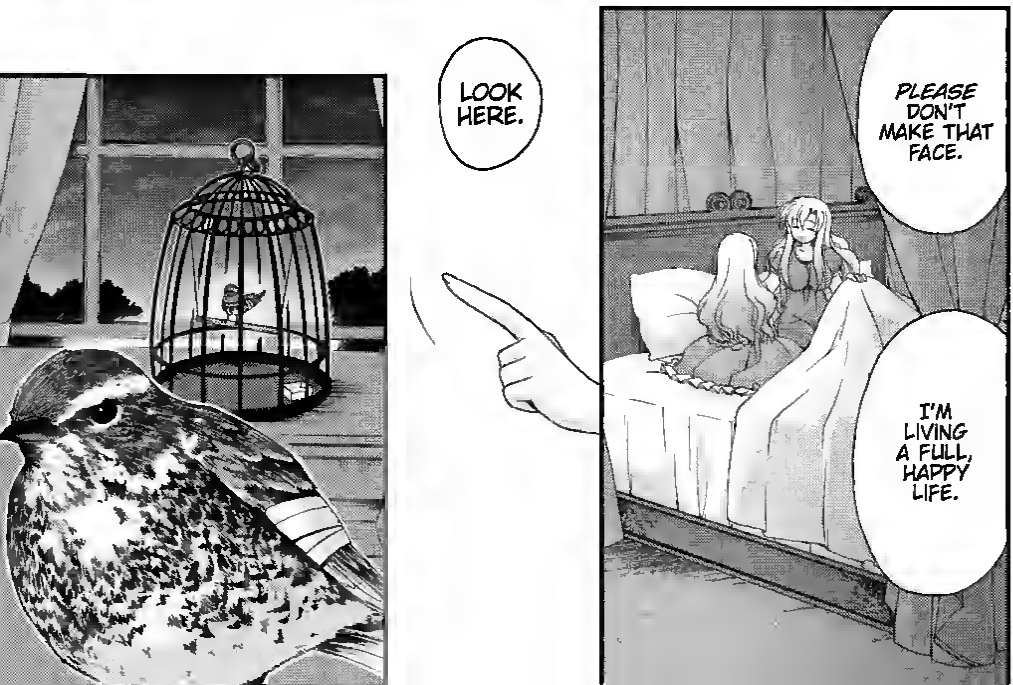
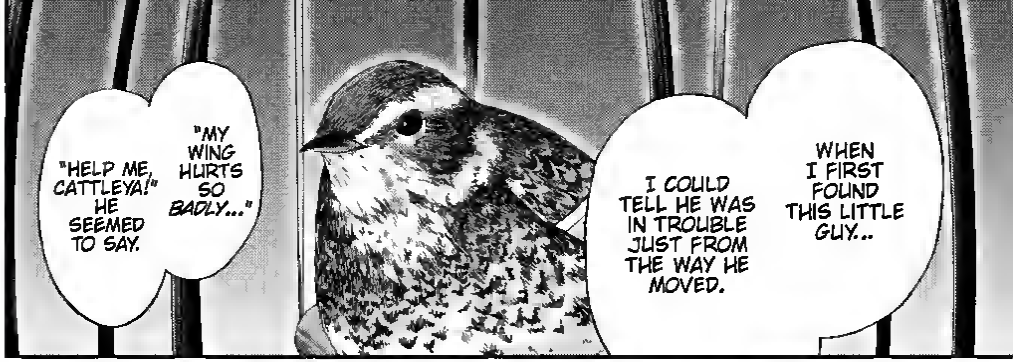
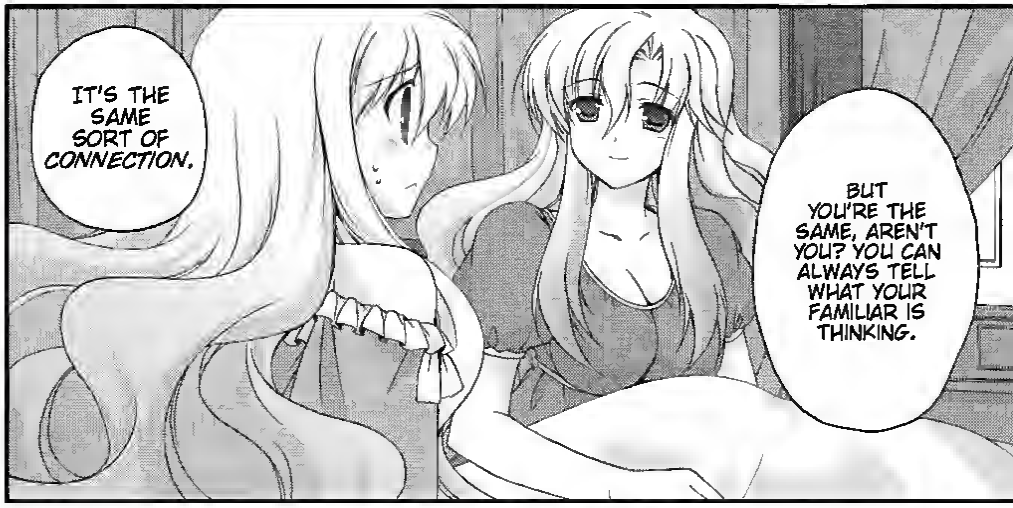

LOOK HERE.
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.
I'M LIVING A FULL, HAPPY LIFE.

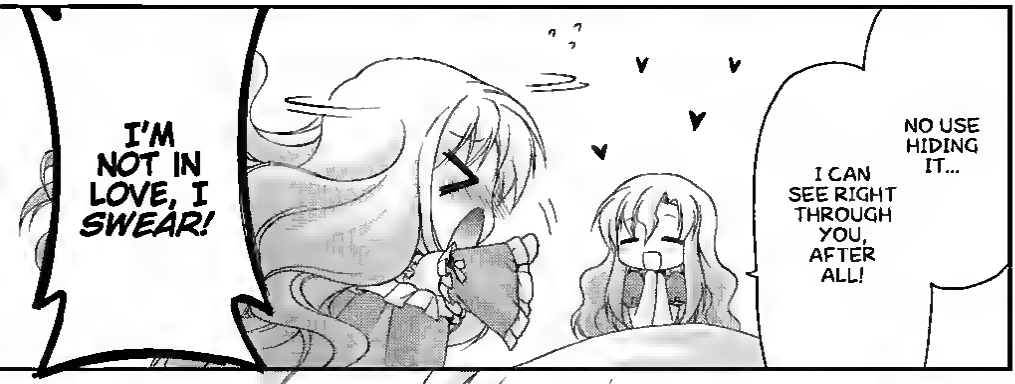

WHEN I FIRST FOUND THIS LITTLE GUY...
I COULD TELL HE WAS IN TROUBLE JUST FROM THE WAY HE MOVED.
"MY WING HURTS SO BADLY..."
"HELP ME, CATTLEYA!" HE SEEMED TO SAY.

YOU'RE AMAZING, BIG SIS~!
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ANIMALS SO WELL!
Pa-n
CLAP
Tee hee

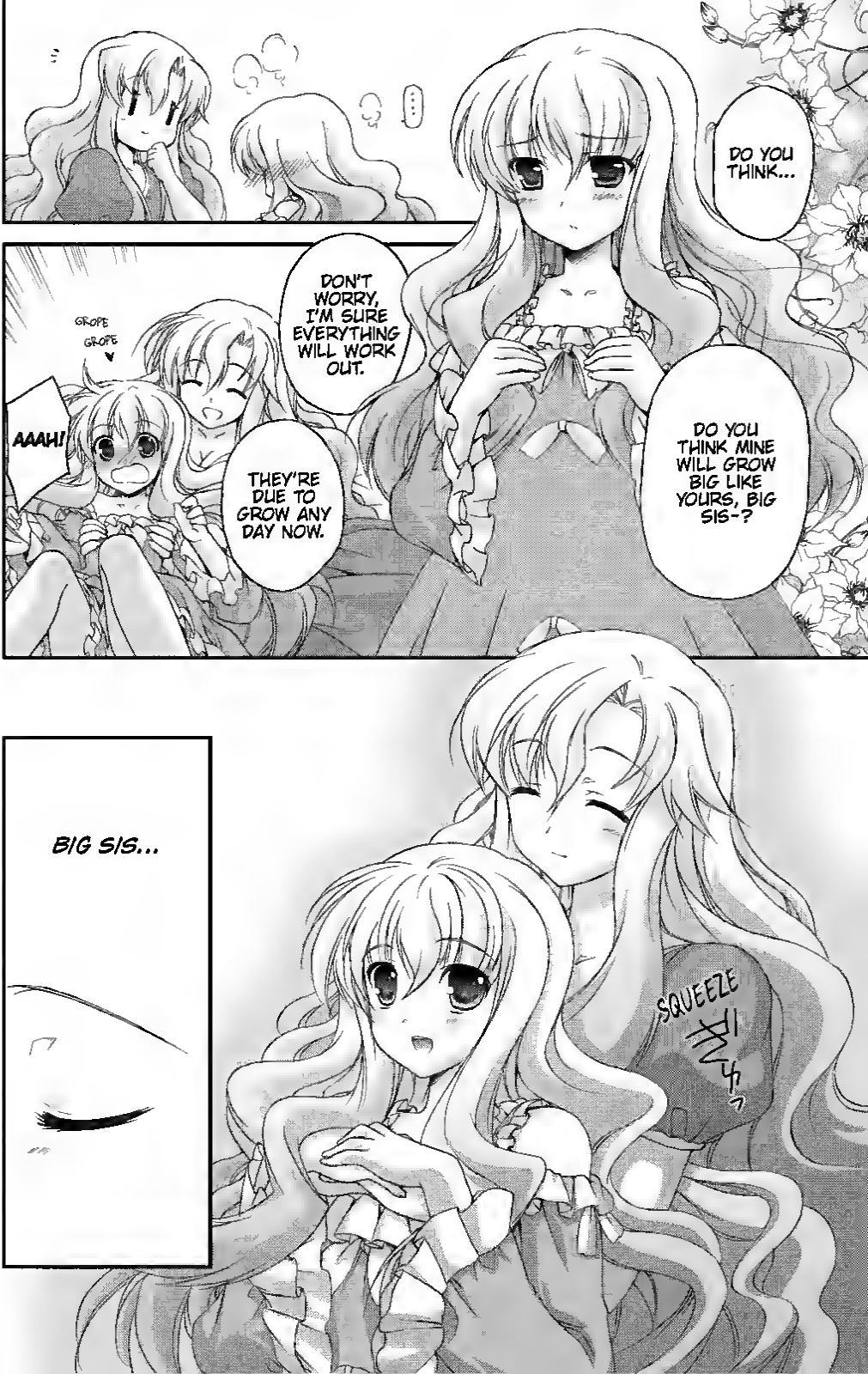

BUT YOU'RE THE SAME, AREN'T YOU? YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL WHAT YOUR FAMILIAR IS THINKING.
IT'S THE SAME SORT OF CONNECTION.

LIKE HOW, AS YOUR OLDER SISTER...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING TOO.

I'M NOT IN LOVE!!
WHAT?!
MY LITTLE LOUISE, YOU'VE FINALLY GROWN UP ENOUGH TO FALL IN LOVE PROPERLY, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!


I'M NOT IN LOVE, I SWEAR!
NO USE HIDING IT...
I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU, AFTER ALL!

WHAT'S WRONG, LOUISE?
.....
OH, ALL RIGHT...
WE SHOULD GET TO SLEEP, ANYWAY.
!
POFF


DO YOU THINK...
DO YOU THINK MINE WILL GROW BIG LIKE YOURS, BIG SIS-?
DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT.
THEY'RE DUE TO GROW ANY DAY NOW.
GROPE GROPE
AAAH!
BIG SIS...
SQUEEZE

I MAY DIE.
I... IF I REALLY FIGHT IN THIS WAR...
FOR MY QUEEN, WHO MOURNED PRINCE WALES AS SHE ASCENDED THE THRONE.
FOR ALL MY FRIENDS AT THE ACADEMY.
AND... FOR MY Ffamiliar.
IF MY POWER CAN BE USEFUL... IF I CAN REALLY USE IT TO SAVE EVERYONE...
GRIP
SAITO...
OH HO HO...
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT? THAT BOY FROM EARLIER?

Y-Y-YOU'RE SO WRONG! I TOLD YOU: HE'S JUST A FAMILIAR!
I DON'T LIKE HIM OR ANYTHING!
プルプル SHAKE
プルプル SHAKE
OH MY! NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT YOU LIKING HIM...
BUT...

BIG SIS...

GET GOING, NOW. GO TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE.
WAVE!

I'M FEELING SOMETHING SOFT AND SQUISHY.

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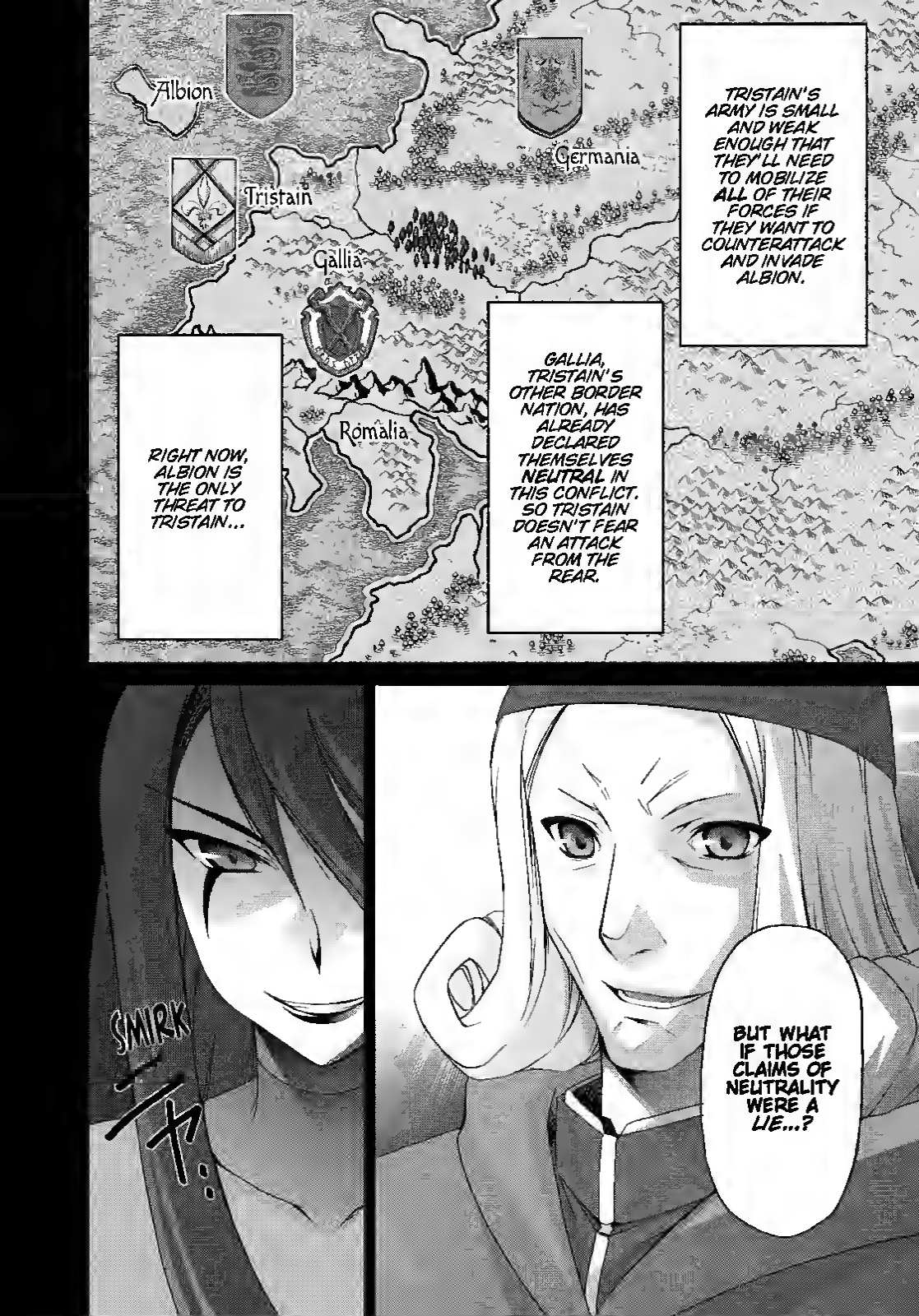
ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier

Chapter 2: Cattleya

ONE MORE NAVAL DEFEAT AND ALBION MIGHT AS WELL BE COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS.
AND OUR SECRET ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP THE QUEEN, MEANT TO BUY US TIME TO REGROUP, ENDED IN FAILURE...


Albion
Germania
Tristain
Gallia
Romalia
TRISTAIN'S ARMY IS SMALL AND WEAK ENOUGH THAT THEY'LL NEED TO MOBILIZE ALL OF THEIR FORCES IF THEY WANT TO COUNTERATTACK AND INVADE ALBION.
GALLIA, TRISTAIN'S OTHER BORDER NATION, HAS ALREADY DECLARED THEMSELVES NEUTRAL IN THIS CONFLICT. SO TRISTAIN DOESN'T FEAR AN ATTACK FROM THE REAR.
RIGHT NOW, ALBION IS THE ONLY THREAT TO TRISTAIN...
SMIRK
BUT WHAT IF THOSE CLAIMS OF NEUTRALITY WERE A LIE...?

"GO TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE."
.....
TP...
TP
TP
TP
TP
IT'S JUST...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, NOT AT ALL!
KA-CHAK
SAITO...

Muh?
Muhhh...
HELLO, MISS VALLIÈRE.
OH MY.
ASSS OUT

WH-WH-WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I JUST CAME BY TO KEEP SAITO COMPANY.
THIS IS OUR PRIVATE TIME, SO PLEASE COME BACK LATER.
TWITCH

TH...
THIS IDIOT IS MY FAMILIAR!
RAWR!
HE'S MINE! MINE!!

THE PATHETIC LITTLE SERVANT WHO TAGGED ALONG THIS WHOLE TIME DARES TO DEFY A NOBLE IN HER OWN HOUSE?
YOU NEED TO BRING A SERVANT. SHE'LL DO.
TWITCH

SERVANTS AND NOBLES, SERVANTS AND NOBLES... WOULD YOU GIVE IT A REST, ALREADY?
YOU LIKE HIM, RIGHT? SO STOP HIDING ALL THAT UGLY JEALOUSY BY GOING ON AND ON ABOUT HOW MUCH BETTER YOU ARE THAN ME.
Y-
YOU...!
ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
GRRRRRR...
BESIDES, MR. SAITO IS A BOOBS MAN.
たゆん
BOING
THAT WASHBOARD CHEST WILL NEVER KEEP HIM INTERESTED!
GRUSHED

FLAAAT
BA-BOING~!
FAINT
JEEZ I'M SO SLEEPY ALL OF A SUDDEN...
Buh...?
YOU JERK!
DASH
Waaaah!
There, there
Big Sis...

WHAAAT?!
CHEEP
CHEEP
HUH... FOR SOME REASON, I GET THE FEELING THAT LOUISE WAS HERE TOO.
I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AT ALL! PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME I'M A TERRIBLE DRUNK, BUT I NEVER REMEMBER...
FLAIL
FLAIL
Oh no, oh no!
Urgh
YEAH, YOU WERE HITTING IT PRETTY HARD.
DID I REALLY DRINK ALCOHOL LAST NIGHT?!
AAH!
WHAT THE--?!
SHOVE
トン!!
OUT OF THE WAY, PLEASE!
CLEANING TIME! RIGHT NOW!
LOUISE'S FATHER!!
THE MASTER? THAT MUST BE...
THE MASTER IS HOME!
Clean every thing top to bottom!

BLAST THAT CARDINAL!
SLAM
TWINGE
Are you all right?
HE SUMMONED ME ALL THE WAY TO TRISTANIA, AND FOR WHAT? TO SHOW ME THE "FIRST CORPS" HE'S PUT TOGETHER?
THAT DEVIOUS HERRING BONE... HE'S PLAYING ALL THOSE YOUNG LORDS LIKE A FIDDLE!
CLINK
CLINK
OH MY...
THIS WAR WILL ONLY LEAD TO DISASTER.

WH-WHY ARE YOU SO AGAINST THE WAR, FATHER?
THEIR PLAN IS SUCH *BLATANT* FOOLISH-NESS.
THERE IS SIMPLY NO CHANCE FOR A FAVORABLE OUTCOME.
THIS WON'T BE THE DECISIVE INVASION THEY'RE LOOKING FOR.
IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT TO BE ASSURED OF VICTORY, AN INVADING FORCE **MUST** BE AT LEAST THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE DEFENDING ARMY...
THE ALBIONS HAVE A FORCE OF **50,000**.
OUR ARMY, INCLUDING OUR GERMANIAN ALLIES, NUMBERS ONLY **60,000**...
WITH THOSE NUMBERS THIS CAN *ONLY* BE A LONG, PAINFUL CONFLICT WITH MANY DEATHS.

I WILL NEVER SEND MY DAUGHTER TO FIGHT IN THIS INSANE WAR!
STAND
LOUISE, I AM PLACING YOU UNDER HOUSE ARREST.
CLACK
YOU ARE FORBIDDEN FROM LEAVING THE PALACE UNTIL THIS WAR IS OVER.
W-
WAIT!
.....

YOU HAVE NO TALENT FOR MAGIC.
WHY? WHY WOULD SHE NEED YOU?

I-I CAN'T TELL YOU YET, BUT...
I...

I'M NOT THE FAILURE YOU KNEW!
SHAA
わっ

THE QUEEN...
HER MAJESTY NEEDS ME!

I KNOW EVERYONE THINKS OF ME AS A TALENTLESS MAGE.
I'VE BEEN MOCKED AND RIDICULED FOR IT MY WHOLE LIFE.
AND I'VE BEEN SO *FRUSTRATED* AT BEING CONSTANTLY COMPARED TO MY SISTERS...
BUT...
I'M DIFFERENT NOW.
HER MAJESTY HAS MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR--SHE *NEEDS* ME TO TAKE ON THIS MISSION.
I SEE...
YOU'VE FINALLY AWAKENED TO ONE OF THE FOUR MAGICAL BRANCHES, I ASSUME.
TELL ME, WHICH BRANCH DO YOU HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR?
!
.....
I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT THE *VOID*...

A BRANCH FOR BLOODTHIRSTY WARMONGERS.
FIRE, YOU SAY? JUST LIKE YOUR GRANDFATHER.
UM... FIRE.
TAP
I WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO HER MAJESTY MYSELF.
THOUGH HER MAJESTY'S FAITH IN YOU IS A GREAT HONOR...I STILL CANNOT ALLOW THIS!
FATHER...
!!
IN THE MEANTIME, LOUISE, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE A HUSBAND.

WH-WHAT?! BUT, WHY?!
MARRIAGE WILL FORCE YOU TO SETTLE DOWN.
THE INCIDENT WITH WARDES WAS UNFORTUNATE, BUT THIS IS FOR THE BEST. YOU WILL OBEY ME. END OF DISCUSSION.
FRET
FRET
B-BUT...
FATHER!
CLICK
KA-CHAK
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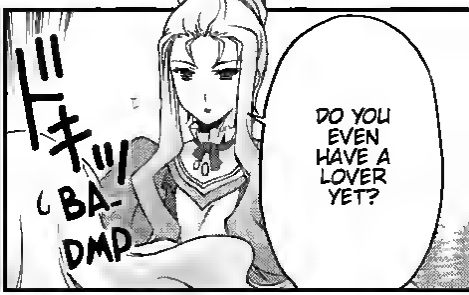
WOOSH

あわ
PANIC
WHA?
PANIC
あわ
あわ
PANIC
BUT, I'M... JUST NOT READY FOR MARRIAGE...!
SO, YOU NEED TO OBEY HIM. GO FIND YOURSELF A HUSBAND.
HUH..?
YOUR FATHER ISN'T GETTING ANY YOUNGER-- YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE HIM SO UPSET.

N-NO!
NO-BODY LIKE THAT!
NO WAY!
Waah!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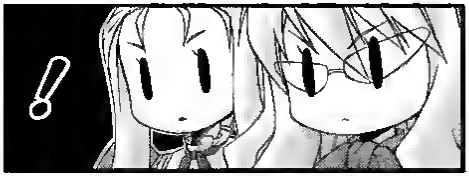
BA-DMP
DO YOU EVEN HAVE A LOVER YET?

A BARON? OR A VISCOUNT?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S A LOWLY CHEVALIER!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WAAAH!!
N-NO! THERE'S NO ONE! NO ONE AT ALL!!
THIS GIRL... KNOWING HER, SHE'S PROBABLY FALLEN FOR A BOY WHO'S BENEATH HER STATION.
BUT SHE CLEARLY HAS SOMEONE IN MIND, DOESN'T SHE?

Ah!
NO, WAIT! I DON'T THINK ABOUT HIM THAT WAY!
H-HE'S JUST A COMMON-ER!
A COMMONER WHO ISN'T EVEN FROM THIS WORLD! IF THEY FIND OUT...!!
Ah heh heh...
HARI
DON'T DENY IT!
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT IN LOVE!
NO MATTER HOW OLD SHE GETS, HER IRRESPONSIBLE CHOICES KEEP CAUSING TROUBLE.
GOING OFF TO WAR AND MARRYING A CHEVALIER...
Uh
DASH
HEY! GET BACK HERE!
!!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?
.....
LAZE
ゴロゴロ
LAZE
DOZE
ぐだぐだ
DOZE
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REALLY TALK WITH HER SINCE WE GOT HERE...
AT LOUISE'S HOUSE, I REALLY AM JUST TAKING UP SPACE. I FEEL SO SMALL AND WORTHLESS!
MAN, I'M SO BORED...
?
IT'S OPEN.
WHO COULD THAT BE?
KNOCK
コンコン
KNOCK
AND SHE'S DEFINITELY STILL PISSED OFF ABOUT LAST NIGHT.
LAZE
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DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
MISS CATTLEYA!
!!
BA-DMP
I'M VERY SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
SHE'S SO CUTE!!
I WONDER IF LOUISE IS GONNA LOOK LIKE HER WHEN SHE GROWS UP?
TEE HEE.
OH, I'M SURE LOUISE WILL SURPASS ME IN BOTH CHARM AND BEAUTY SOON...
THOUGH SHE MAY NEVER CATCH UP IN HEIGHT.
MIGHT I ASK YOUR NAME?
I'M SAITO, MA'AM.
WHAT A LOVELY NAME.
HMM...
BUT I WONDER... WHAT ARE YOU, EXACTLY? IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE NOT FROM HALKEGINIA AT ALL...
YOU SEEM LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SORT OF PERSON, ALL THE WAY TO YOUR CORE.
!! STARE
HUH?!

FOR HER MAJESTY TO RECOGNIZE MY SISTER LIKE THAT--IT WAS PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF YOU, WASN'T IT?
SMILE
HEE HEE... HONESTLY, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT.
I CAME HERE TO THANK YOU.
I KNOW YOU CAN'T TELL ME SOME THINGS.
IT'S FINE.
UH... WELL... UM..
LOUISE COULDN'T GET FATHER'S PERMISSION TO FIGHT IN THIS WAR.
SHE WAS ALSO ORDERED TO FIND A HUSBAND AND SETTLE DOWN.
LOUISE IS GETTING MARRIED?!
Again?!
NOW, THEN...!
I'M AFRAID I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS.

O-OH... IT'S OKAY...
PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
LOUISE GETTING MARRIED?
YOU DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, DO YOU?
THERE'S NO WAY LOUISE COULD FEEL ANYTHING...
FOR AN ORDINARY GUY LIKE ME.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CONSIDERED A MEMBER OF THE NOBILITY, SAITO?
THERE IS ONLY ONE REAL REQUIREMENT...
WRONG.
UH, USING MAGIC?

PROTECT YOUR PRINCESS WITH YOUR LIFE.
THAT'S ALL.

PROTECT MY PRINCESS WITH MY LIFE...?
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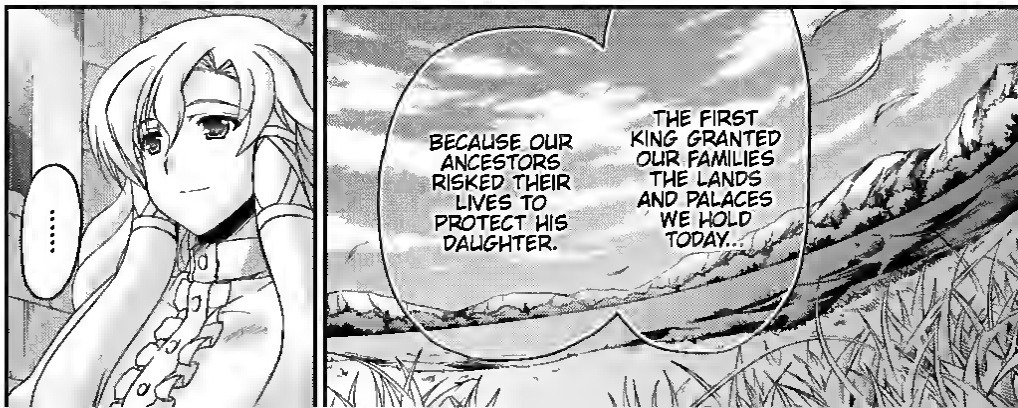
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BECAUSE OUR ANCESTORS RISKED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT HIS DAUGHTER.
THE FIRST KING GRANTED OUR FAMILIES THE LANDS AND PALACES WE HOLD TODAY...

EVER SINCE SHE WAS VERY SMALL, SHE HAS RUN THERE TO HIDE WHENEVER SHE'S UPSET.
IN THE SMALL BOAT THAT'S TIED AT THE DOCK.
SHE'LL BE IN THE COURTYARD RIGHT NOW...
GO.
BA-DMP
ドキッ!!

IF THAT GIRL IS YOUR PRINCESS...
THEN GO TO HER.
PROTECT YOU BOTH.
AND MAY THE FOUNDER...

PROTECT MY PRINCESS WITH MY LIFE...!

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FAMILIAR
Chevalier

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"MARRIAGE WILL FORCE YOU TO SETTLE DOWN.
"YOU WILL OBEY ME. END OF DISCUSSION."
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CLOP CLOP CLOP
"SHE'LL BE IN THE COURTYARD RIGHT NOW, IN THE SMALL BOAT THAT'S TIED AT THE DOCK.
"EVER SINCE SHE WAS VERY SMALL, SHE HAS RUN THERE TO HIDE WHENEVER SHE'S UPSET."
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
STARTLE
ヒィ!!

SAITO ...
LET'S GO.
LOUISE
I CAN'T.
TURN
MY FAMILY DIDN'T GIVE THEIR PERMISSION.
FWMP
CREAK
I TRY AND TRY TO EXPLAIN, BUT MY FAMILY WON'T LISTEN.
AT THIS RATE, NO ONE WILL EVER SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
SHEESH... FOR SOMEONE SO PUSHY, IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO KNOCK HER DOWN.
: Sigh.
CHIRP CHIRP...
C-CRE..K...

I CAN SEE IT.
I CAN SEE EVERYTHING GOOD ABOUT YOU...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU SEE ME LIKE THAT-- DON'T LIE TO ME!
IT'S NOT A LIE!
HE LIKES THAT MAID BETTER THAN ME, AFTER ALL...A GIRL WITH BIG BREASTS.
A GIRL WHO'S DEMURE, WHO PROBABLY DOES WHATEVER HE TELLS HER TO DO...
B-BUT... I KNOW I CAN'T TRUST SAITO!
Hah!
CREAK
C'MON.
SO STAND UP ALREADY.
STARE

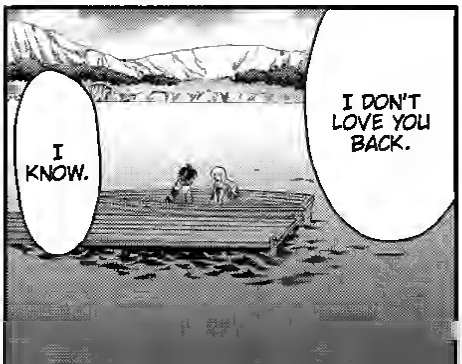
CLOSE
WHO'RE YOU CALLING "STUPID"?!
ARE YOU STUPID?!
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU THINK I'M PLAYING THE PART OF FAMILIAR TO A SELFISH MASTER LIKE YOU FOR FUN?!
YOUR DUTY TO THE QUEEN OR EVEN THIS WHOLE DAMN WAR--NONE OF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME!
I'LL KEEP SAYING IT UNTIL YOU GET IT THROUGH YOUR HEAD!
AND...ALL I WANT IS TO FIND A WAY BACK TO MY OWN WORLD!
.....
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE THEN?!
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!

HUH ...?!
I LOVE YOU!
EVERY TIME I SEE YOUR FACE, MY HEART STARTS BEATING LIKE CRAZY!
THAT'S HOW I KNOW!
WHY DO YOU THINK I KEEP RISKING MY LIFE FIGHTING?!
IT'S BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE!
Aaaah! I DIDN'T MEAN TO LET IT ALL COME OUT LIKE THAT!
THAT WASN'T JUST A CONFESSION... IT WAS THREE AT ONCE!
OH MAN ...
WHY'D I DO THAT?!
OUCH
はっ HAH!

STAND
OH MY GOSH, OH MY GOSH... WHAT DO I DO?!
WAS THAT REALLY... A LOVE CONFES-SION?
IF YOU'RE LYING, I'LL KILL YOU.

I'M NOT LYING.

FOR SOMEONE WHO SAYS HE LOVES ME, YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE ARMS OF OTHER WOMEN.
I...I KNOW.
I WON'T DO THAT ANY-MORE.


I DON'T LOVE YOU BACK.
I KNOW.

JUST NOT DOING IT ISN'T ENOUGH.
IF...IF, FOR ONE ENTIRE YEAR, YOU DON'T LOOK AT ANYONE BUT ME...THEN I'LL BELIEVE YOU.
A-AND THAT'S ALL. JUST BELIEVING WHAT YOU SAID, NOTHING ELSE.
GLANCE
UM, WELL...
I THINK...
HUH?
YEAH...
THANKS.
BLUSH
S-SAYING YOU LOVE YOUR MASTER... THAT'S BASICALLY LIKE YOU PLEDGED YOUR LOYALTY TO ME, RIGHT?
S-SO...
I...
I S-SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE YOU...A REWARD.
I...
URGH...

REWARD?
YES.
HER MAJESTY ALWAYS TELLS ME HOW *IMPORTANT* IT IS TO REWARD YOUR SUBJECTS' LOYALTY.
H-HUH?
S-S-S--
S-SO, I'LL LET YOU...
BLUSH
YOU MAY TOUCH *ONE PLACE* ON YOUR MASTER'S BODY. WHEREVER YOU WANT.
GRASP
MMMRGH!

?!!
Y-YOU MORON...
I SAID JUST ONE PLACE...!
H-HOLD ON--
IDIOT!
WHAT ARE YOU--?
TWITCH
WHAT AN IDIOT...I SAID HE COULD TOUCH ANYWHERE, BUT HE'S JUST--

H-HANG ON.
I LOVE YOU.
NOT THERE EITHER...!
UM... JUST A SECOND, YOU--
NO, NOT MY CHEST!
I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

BA-THMP
BA-THMP
BA-THMP
D-DO YOU REALLY LOVE ME?
YEAH.
DO YOU SWEAR THAT YOU TRU--
NN...!

THIS BAD FAMILIAR, JUST WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING...? HOW DARE HE TOUCH HIS MASTER'S BODY LIKE... LIKE...
CLENCH
WE CAN'T DO THIS SO SUDDENLY! NOT UNTIL WE'RE MARRIED, AT LEAST!
OH NO...
.....!
Hah
CHIRP CHIRP
TAP
.....

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SHOVE
!!!
SPLASH
TAKE LOUISE AND LOCK HER IN THE TOWER.
WE'LL KEEP HER THERE FOR A YEAR AT MINIMUM, POSSIBLY LONGER.
AS FOR THE COMMONER FOOL, A BEHEADING WOULD BE MOST FITTING.
WE WILL DISPLAY HIS SEVERED HEAD AS AN EXAMPLE FOR AT LEAST A MONTH. PLEASE BUILD A PLATFORM FOR THAT PURPOSE, WOULD YOU?
PALE
SO...
Ahem!
Aah
WHAT THE HECK'D YOU DO THAT FOR --?!
SPLISH

SHNK
SHEEN
GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE.
GRAP
Hey there, buddy! It's been a while!
I thought I was gonna die of loneliness, bro! Seriously!
SORRY, WE'LL TALK FOR REAL LATER!
DASH

WOW, HE'S SO FAST!
IT'S UN-NATURAL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! AFTER THEM!!!
VOOM
BAM
BAM
BAM
MISS CATTLEYA TOLD ME...
Hah
Hah
Hah
"ONCE YOU'VE TAKEN LOUISE AWAY, YOU'LL NEED TO GET OUTSIDE THE PALACE."
"BUT THAT'S —"
"DON'T WORRY.
"JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!"

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CREEEAK
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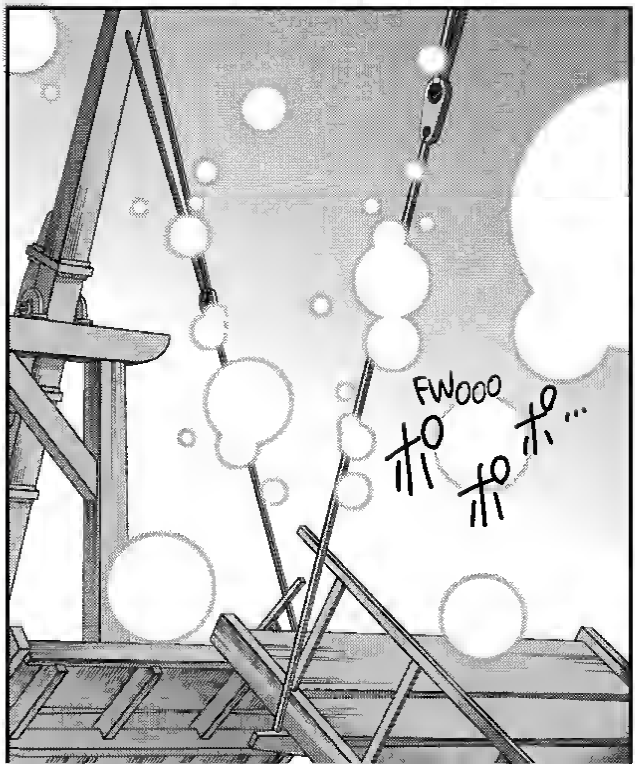
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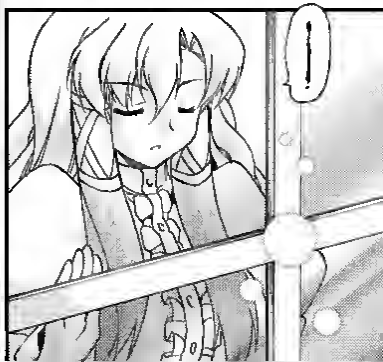
OH, CRAP!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SLAM
WHOA!
"THERE WILL BE A CARRIAGE WAITING FOR YOU A LITTLE WAYS DOWN THE ROAD.
TMP
"THE MAID WHO CAME HERE WITH YOU WILL HAVE THE REINS.
"YOU CAN USE IT TO GET AWAY."

RATTLE
RATTLE
Hah
Hah
HURRY!
PLEASE, GET ON!
JUMP
SSSHAK
SHOVE
SLAM
SIESTA!

?
Waaaah!
I, UM...
MISS CATTLEYA TOLD ME TO COME HERE...
BUT I'M TERRIFIED OF DRAGONS!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THUNK
LET ME DO IT!
.....?
WH-
WHAT FOR...?
Wown!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
MR. SAITO!
TWITCH
UM... I'M VERY SORRY, MISS.
OH...

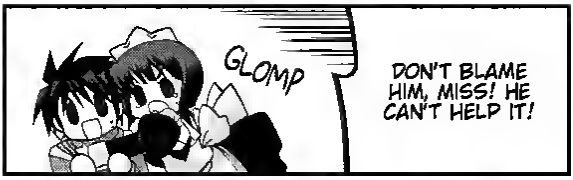
I...
I DON'T HANDLE ALCOHOL VERY WELL, SO--
IT SEEMS... I SAID SOMETHING VERY *RUDE* TO YOU WHILE I WAS DRUNK.
IT'S FINE.
JUST BE MORE **CAREFUL** FROM NOW ON.
THANK YOU *SO* MUCH!
BOW BOW
?
...
BUT...
GLANCE
MR. SAITO IS A TRUE GENTLEMAN, ISN'T HE?
EVEN WHEN I WAS DRUNK AND FALLING ALL OVER HIM...
HE DIDN'T TRY ANYTHING.
OF COURSE HE DIDN'T! GENTLEMAN OR NOT, HE'S JUST NOT ATTRACTED TO YOU.
BECAUSE SAITO DOESN'T LOVE YOU AFTER ALL-- HE LOVES ME!
ECAUSE
LOVE YOU!

BOUNCE
!
?
LOOK
O-OF COURSE, I'D NEVER DO THAT--
Ahh!
ERRR...

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THEM, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK!
SLAP
AW, SILLY MR. SAITO!

CAN'T... LOOK... AWAY...
EXPOSE
SNAP
THERE'S NO NEED...
FOR YOU TO HESITATE...
EXPOSE

GRRRRRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRR
SHUDDER


GLOMP
DON'T BLAME HIM, MISS! HE CAN'T HELP IT!

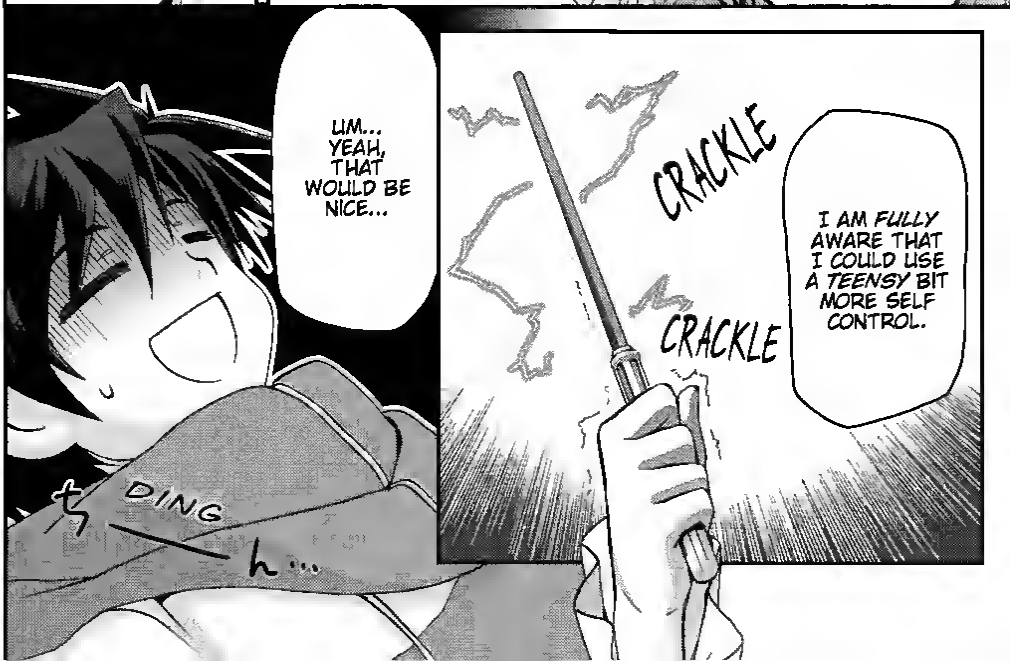
HEY. FAMILIAR.
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE STARING AT WITH THAT NASTY LOOK ON YOUR FACE?!
RRRRRRRRRR

Waah!
MR. SAITO CAN'T HELP HOW MUCH HE LOVES BIG BOOBS!
DROP

CLENCH
YOU WERE STARING AT BIG SIS'S CHEST TOO, WEREN'T YOU?
GRAB
OOW!
TWI TCH
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
L-
LOUISE ...
I-IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
SLAM
Uh... Uh...
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG--YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A FILTHY, PERVERTED MONGREL!

SHOVE
ほっ

YOU DARED TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME...?
TREMBLE
EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED ON THAT BOAT WAS A HORRIBLE MISTAKE.
Waah!
MISS VALLIÈRE, CALM DOWN!


I AM FULLY AWARE THAT I COULD USE A TEENSY BIT MORE SELF CONTROL.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
UM... YEAH, THAT WOULD BE NICE...
DING
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RATTLE
RATTLE
IT'S OKAY.
CHEEP
CHEEP
COUGH
COUGH
YOU'RE ALL BETTER.
CHEEP
CHEEP
NOW, YOU CAN FLY WHEREVER YOU WANT...
GUAAAAAA!!
KA-BOOM!!

FLUTTER

MY LORD KNIGHT.
PROTECT HER, AND LOVE HER...
PLEASE, TAKE CARE OF HER...

I LOVE YOU!

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Chevalier

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NOW, THEN!
OUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS START TOMORROW ...
TWITCH TWITCH..
FRET FRET
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED DURING SUMMER BREAK, BEFORE WE VISITED LOUISE'S FAMILY.
OKAY, OKAY!
STOMP
STOMP
GRIND
GRIND
TWITCH
HMM...
CRUSH
GUH!!
WELL...
AND AFTER I SO GRACIOUSLY OFFERED YOU ALMOST AN ENTIRE WEEK OFF, WHAT DO YOU GO AND DO?
SIESTA ASKED ME IF I'D VISIT TARBES VILLAGE WITH HER AGAIN...
AND I FIGURED IT WOULD BE OKAY, SINCE WE'RE GOING TO VISIT YOUR HOME RIGHT AFTER!
STOMP
STOMP
Waaa--hnnff!

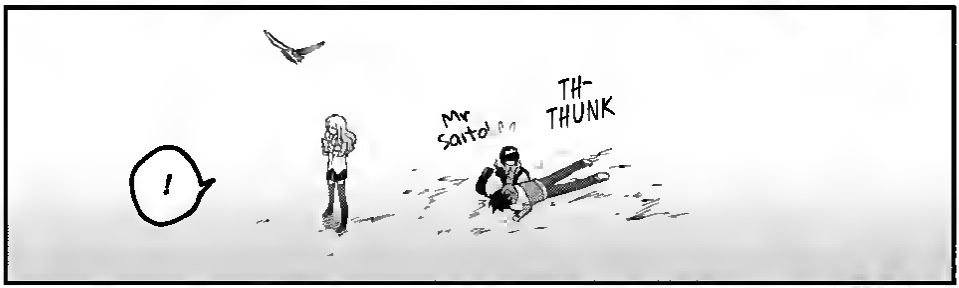
U-UM...
EXCUSE ME!
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT MR. SAITO GETS A BREAK TOO!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THIS GUY.
FAMILIARS DON'T GET VACATIONS.
STOMP
YOUR... FAMIL-IAR?
GLINT
Hmm
BUT, I WONDER... IS THAT REALLY ALL HE IS TO YOU?
JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I'VE SEEN THE WAY YOU LOOK AT MR. SAITO LATELY, MISS VALLIÈRE...
IT'S JUST A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS, IS ALL...
COLD
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY--!
Hmm...
SHAKE
SHAKE..

TA-DA!
BOING
BOING
GEE, SUMMER SURE DOES GET HOT AROUND HERE...
FAN
FAN
GOOONG!!
I WON'T LOSE TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU!
JUST YOU WAIT, YOU CAN'T COMPETE WITH A NOBLE!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WHEW!
SURE IS HOT TODAY...

PFFT!
GRAAAA!
!!!
FLAT
FLAT
FLAT...
FLAT
H-HOW DARE YOU! THAT WAS A LAUGH, WASN'T IT?!
OH MY, I WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING!
Oh ho ho!
GLANCE

NOOOO!!
HE DIDN'T EVEN GLANCE THIS WAY...?!!
THUNK
KA-POW
FLAP
FLAP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
Aaah...
C-CALM DOWN, MISS VALLIÈRE!
ARE YOU LOOKING AT SOMETHING?!
PAY ATTENTION TO THIS!
I'LL STOMP THE PERVERT OUT!!
FWOOSH

CRINKLE
FLAP
WHAT'S THIS OWL DOING HERE?
HMM?
GRIP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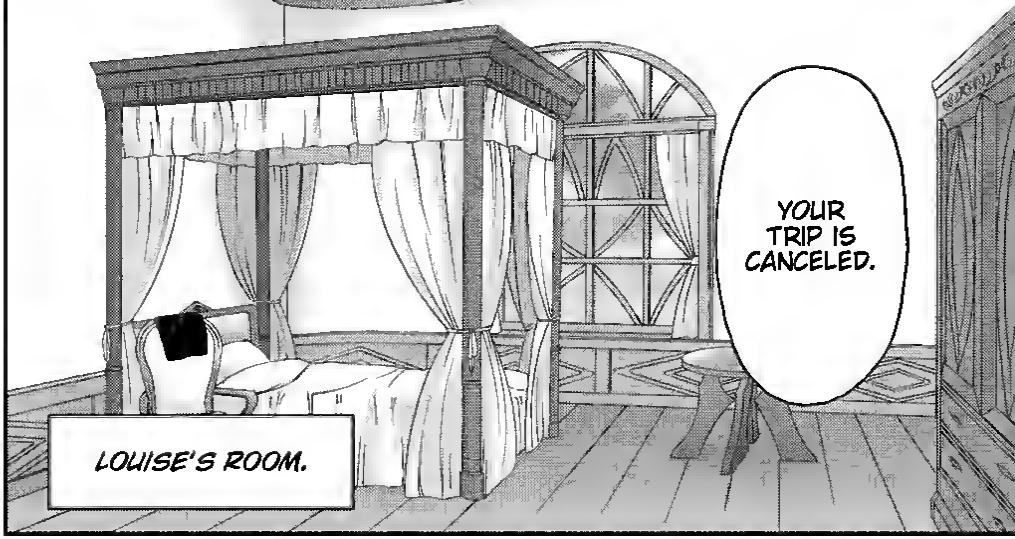
Mr Saito!
TH-THUNK

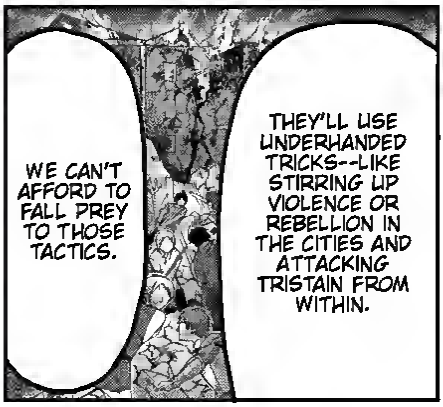
WHAT IS IT?
???

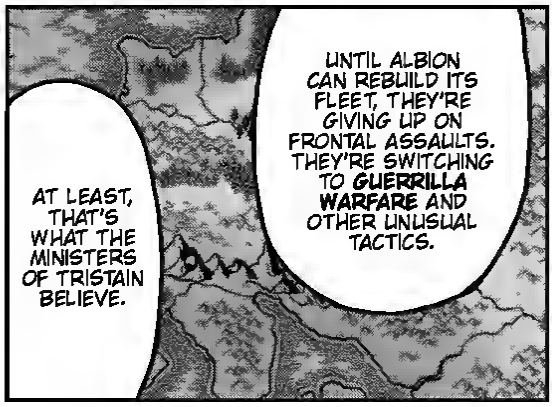
GET UP, SAITO.


LOUISE'S ROOM.
YOUR TRIP IS CANCELED.

TOP SECRET?
I JUST RECEIVED A TOP SECRET ORDER FROM THE QUEEN.

SIESTA WAS NICE ENOUGH TO INVITE ME--
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CANCELED?


WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FALL PREY TO THOSE TACTICS.
THEY'LL USE UNDERHANDED TRICKS--LIKE STIRRING UP VIOLENCE OR REBELLION IN THE CITIES AND ATTACKING TRISTAIN FROM WITHIN.


AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THE MINISTERS OF TRISTAIN BELIEVE.
UNTIL ALBION CAN REBUILD ITS FLEET, THEY'RE GIVING UP ON FRONTAL ASSAULTS. THEY'RE SWITCHING TO GUERRILLA WARFARE AND OTHER UNUSUAL TACTICS.

THE QUEEN AND THE MINISTERS WANT US TO LOOK INTO THIS STUFF FOR THEM?
YES--THEY NEED PEOPLE THEY CAN TRUST. HER MAJESTY HAS ASKED US TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR HER.
SO, WE'RE PLAYING SPIES...
THE LETTER SHE SENT SAYS WE'RE TO STAY AT AN INN IN TRISTANIA...
HIDE OUR SOCIAL STATUS, AND DISCREETLY GATHER INFORMATION FROM THE COMMONERS.
YOU'D BETTER GET READY TO LEAVE TOO.
Sigh
SO... THIS MEANS I HAVE TO WORK ON MY SUMMER VACATION...
WHAM
NO MORE COMPLAIN-ING!!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
COME ON.
WE'RE GOING, RIGHT NOW!

SO... THIS MEANS I HAVE TO WORK ON MY SUMMER VACATION...

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CLANK
I'M SO AWESOME!!
OOOH!
JUST WATCH MY WINNINGS MULTIPLY!
JINGLE
JINGLE
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おぉ
おぉ
wooow~!
AND HEY, WE CAN USE WHAT I MAKE AS EXTRA FUNDS FOR OUR MISSION!
SHINE
HUH? LOUISE ...?
GREEDY
GREEDY

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THE ENCHANTED FAIRY TAVERN.
WHY DO I, OF ALL PEOPLE...
So it's my fault? Sigh...
INSTEAD OF INCREASING OUR FUNDS LIKE HE PROMISED, THE MUTT LET ME LOSE EVERYTHING! DOUBLE OR NOTHING... HE SHOULD'VE STOPPED ME!
HAVE TO WEAR THIS RIDICULOUS THING?!
SHAKE SHAKE
ALL RIGHT, MY LITTLE FAIRIES! I HAVE A WONDERFUL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE...
WE HAVE A BRAND NEW FRIEND JOINING US TODAY!
Ooh!
Yay!
LUCKILY, WE RAN INTO MR. SCARRON HERE, WHO SAID HE'D GIVE US A PLACE TO STAY IF WE WORK FOR HIM...

Eh heh heh
RIGHT BEFORE HER FATHER WAS TO SELL HER OFF TO PAY FOR HIS GAMBLING DEBT!
Waaah!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
LITTLE LOUISE IS A POOR, SAD GIRL WHO RAN AWAY FROM HOME WITH HER OLDER BROTHER...
.....
THAT'S A WHOLE LOT OF LIES...
YOU'D NEVER THINK THIS CUTE FACE COULD HIDE SUCH A TRAGIC STORY!
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

LITTLE LOUISE?
SHAKE
SHAKE
WHY SHOULD A NOBLE LIKE MYSELF HAVE TO BOW TO A BUNCH OF COMMONERS?!
NOW, PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EVERY-ONE-!
HUH?!

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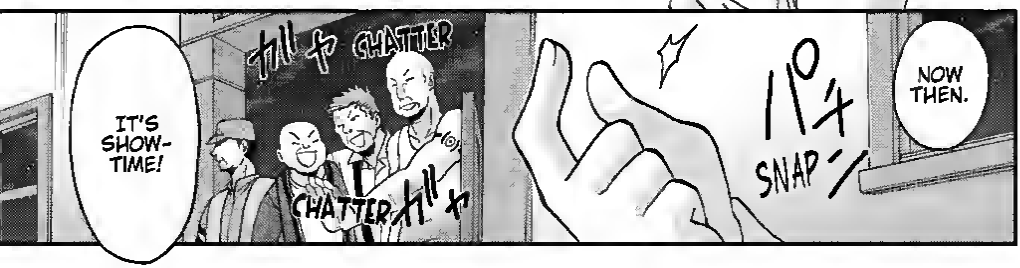
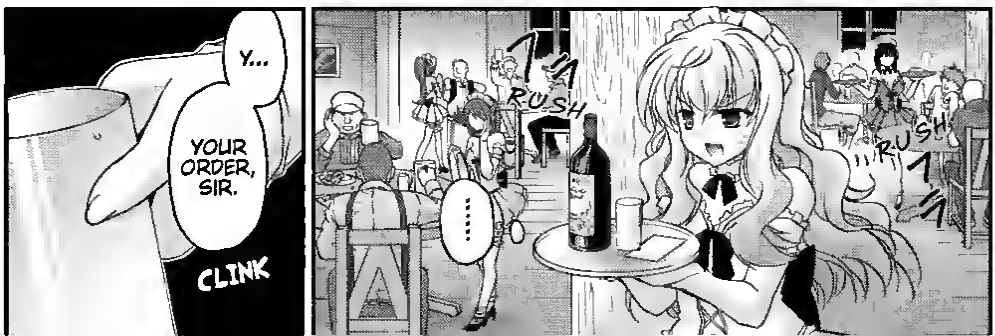
UH, H-HELLO. M-M-MY NAME IS LOUISE! SO P-P-PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL!
Hah
Hah
TRÈS BIEN!
THAT WAS PERFECT!


NOW THEN.
パチ
SNAP
CHATTER
CHATTER
IT'S SHOW-TIME!


Y...
YOUR ORDER, SIR.
CLINK
RUSH
RUSH
RUSH
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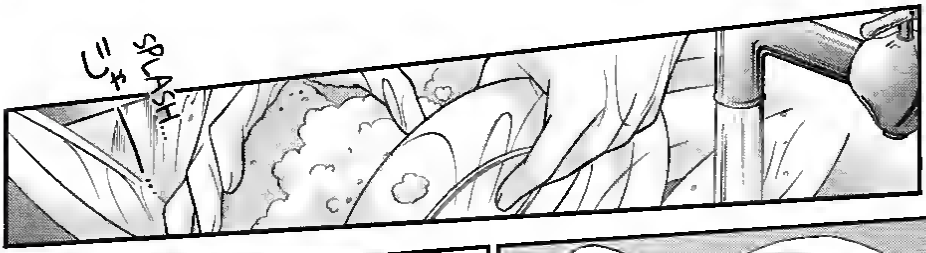
FLUSTER
A NOBLE LIKE ME, LOWERING HERSELF TO POUR A DRINK FOR A LOWLY COMMONER?!
SMIRK
HOW 'BOUT ...
HEY THERE, LITTLE LADY...
YOU POUR IT FOR ME, EH?
PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO POUR YOU A DR--
V-VERY WELL, THEN ...
UM...
I HAVE TO GATHER INFOR-MATION!
BUT... THIS IS MY MISSION, DARN IT!
TWITCH
HUH?
HMM...
YER FLAT AS A BOARD, BUT YE'VE GOT A PRETTY FACE, DON'TCHA?
SPLASH
AARGH!
WHAT THE HECK D'YA THINK YER DOIN'...?!

HOW 'BOUT I FORGIVE YA... IF YA LET ME DRINK MY WINE THROUGH A LITTLE MOUTH-TO-MOUTH.
SNAP
Y-Y-YOU DISGUS-TING PEASANT!
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM, WORM?!
FWAA
THIS FOOL DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HE'S SPEAKING TO DUKE--
STOMP

BUSTLE
OH, DEAR~!
Go Go!
COME NOW, LITTLE LOUISE! BRING THE MAN A BRAND NEW BOTTLE OF WINE!
AH...
Y-YES!
BUSTLE
THUNK
SIR! I'M SOOO SORRY~!
SHOVE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SPLASH...

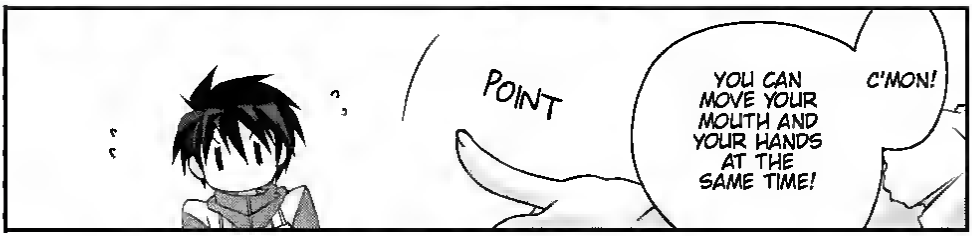
SLOW
SLOW
Sigh
OH, UH... SORRY! I'LL GET SOME FINISHED RIGHT AWAY.

HEY, NEW-COMER!
WE'RE TOTALLY OUT OF PLATES!

STARE
HERE, WATCH HOW I DO IT.
CLEAN
ぴかぴか
てきぱき
CLEAN

WHISPER
HEY...
YOU GUYS ARE LYING ABOUT BEING SIBLINGS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE THAT NEW GIRL'S OLDER BROTHER, RIGHT?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
SAITO. SAITO HIRAGA.
HUH, THAT'S AN ODD NAME. I'M JESSICA, BY THE WAY.
Uhmm...
I MEAN, YOU TWO LOOK NOTHING ALIKE, SO I DOUBT ANYONE'S FALLING FOR IT.
BUT NOBODY ENDS UP HERE WITHOUT SOME KIND OF TROUBLE OR BAD CIRCUMSTANCES...
SO DON'T WORRY, NO ONE'S GOING TO PRY INTO YOUR PAST.
UH, MORE IMPORTANTLY... SHOULDN'T WE GET BACK TO WORK?
MR. SCARRON WILL BE PISSED IF HE CATCHES US SLACKING.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
HUH?
I'M SCARRON'S DAUGHTER, AFTER ALL.
SERIOUSLY?!!

DU-DUM
WHAT THE HECK, GENETICS?!
Yep!


POINT
YOU CAN MOVE YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR HANDS AT THE SAME TIME!
C'MON!

I NEED YOU TO FIGURE THIS STUFF OUT AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE!
Good morning!
It's quitting time!
CHIRP
CHIRP

SNORE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
UGH...
A MEMBER OF THE NOBILITY...
FORCED TO SLEEP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
CLINK
AND EVEN WORSE, AFTER GOING THROUGH THAT HORRID ORDEAL, THIS IS ALL I MADE?
SNORE
I GUESS ONE IDIOT HAS ALREADY ADAPTED JUST FINE...
GLANCE
.....
EVEN THOUGH THIS WHOLE MISSION'S BEEN ONE AWFUL EXPERIENCE AFTER ANOTHER...

NOT THAT I CARE, REALLY...
I'D NEVER HAVE REAL FEELINGS...
PAT PAT
THERE'S STILL A TINY SILVER LINING.
IT'S NICE... NOT HAVING THAT MAID AROUND FOR ONCE.
ZZZ
COVER
FOR A MORON LIKE HIM. BUT STILL...
WHILE WE'RE AWAY FROM HOME...
IT'D BE NICE TO BE THE ONLY ONE HE THINKS ABOUT.
BUSTLE
BUSTLE

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ACT LIKE THAT.
Aw, thank you sooo much!!
THIS UNIFORM IS REALLY EMBARRASSING, BUT...
.....
WHOA! YOU LOOK GREAT, LOUISE!
Bow-!! I wow!
HA HA! IT'S AMAZING, I NEVER REALIZED I WAS WITH SUCH A CUTE GIRL ALL THIS TIME!
OH, SO YOU'RE JUST REALIZING NOW HOW INCREDIBLY ATTRACTIVE YOUR MISTRESS IS? A LITTLE LATE, DON'T YOU THINK?!
Hmph!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STOP THAT!
HOW DARE YOU PUT YOUR GRIMY PAWS ANYWHERE NEAR ME!

HOW-EVER...
IF, RIGHT NOW, YOU BOW TO ME AND SWEAR YOUR LIFELONG SERVICE, I MIGHT ALLOW YOU JUST A LITTLE, TINY TOUCH.
YES, MA'AM!
HEH HEH HEH...
TWIRL
I BET HE'S COMPLETELY SMITTEN WITH ME BY NOW.
?!!
GAAH!!
TOO FRIENDLY
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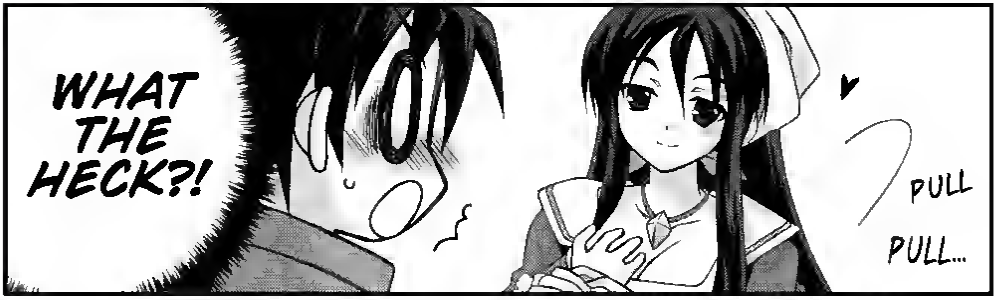
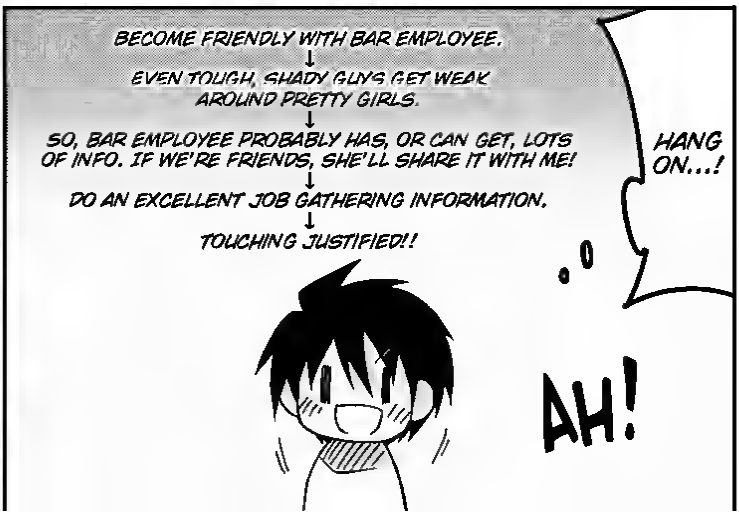
WHISPER
IF YOU TELL ME, I'LL TELL YOU ANOTHER SECRET IN EXCHANGE!
WHISPER
HUH?

SAY...
WHISPER
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING WITH THAT PINK-HAIRED GIRL, ANYWAY?


WHAT THE HECK?!
PULL
PULL...

SQUISH


BECOME FRIENDLY WITH BAR EMPLOYEE.
EVEN TOUGH, SHADY GUYS GET WEAK AROUND PRETTY GIRLS.
SO, BAR EMPLOYEE PROBABLY HAS, OR CAN GET, LOTS OF INFO. IF WE'RE FRIENDS, SHE'LL SHARE IT WITH ME!
DO AN EXCELLENT JOB GATHERING INFORMATION.
TOUCHING JUSTIFIED!!
HANG ON...!
AH!

KII
THUNK
カッ
UH...
INFOR-
MATION
GATHER-
ING...?
GRRRRRRR
JUST... WHAT THE HECK...DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
!!!!
ゴッ
WHAM
STOMP
DRAG
DRAG
HANG ON, LOUISE! WHAT ABOUT WORK?

YOU HAVEN'T EARNED A SINGLE TIP YET, AND NOW YOU'RE TAKING OFF?
WHAT ...?
I'M NOT A KID!
I'M SIXTEEN YEARS OLD!
HUH? YOU'RE THE SAME AGE AS ME?
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR THINKING A KID COULD CUT IT AS ONE OF OUR FAIRIES.
STARE
WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
Heh heh heh

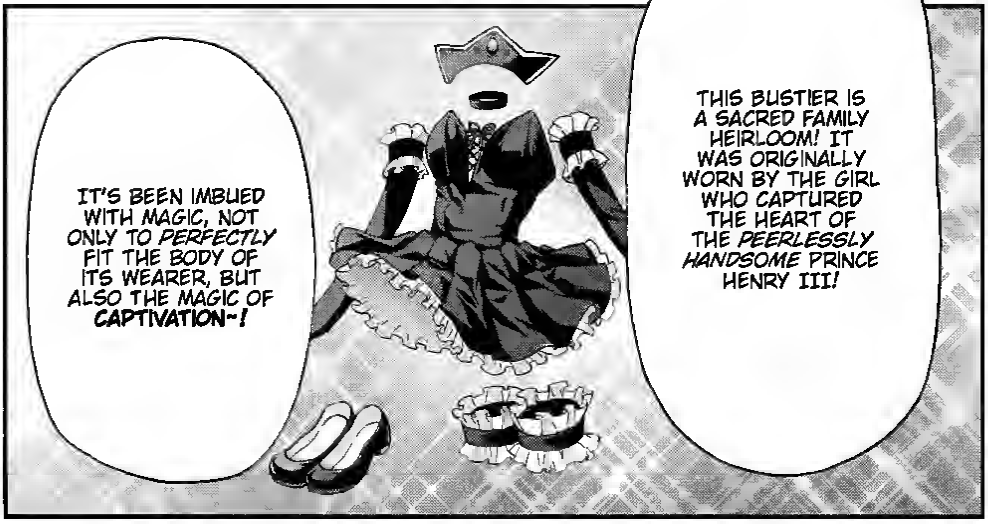
YOU TALK A BIG GAME.
SMIRK
YOU WANT TIPS?! I'LL EARN ENOUGH TO BUILD A CASTLE!
OWWW...
IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT, I CAN WRAP ANY MAN AROUND MY LITTLE FINGER!
WE'RE HAVING A TIP RACE NEXT WEEK.
TIP RACE?

YEP.
HOW ABOUT THIS--IF YOU BEAT ME, I'LL NEVER CALL YOU A KID AGAIN.
IT'S A CONTEST WHERE ALL THE GIRLS IN THE TAVERN COMPETE TO SEE WHO GETS THE MOST TIPS.
GREAT! SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

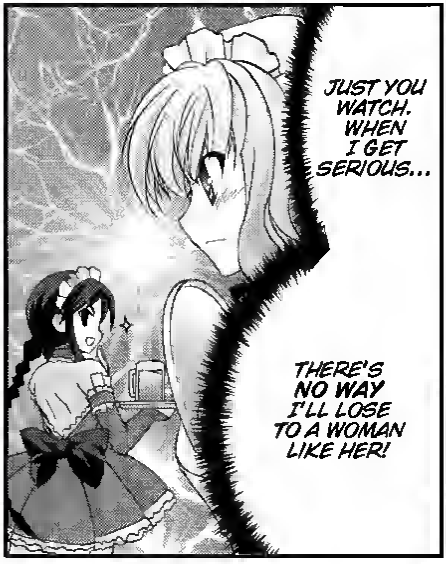
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
AS ALWAYS, THE WINNER GETS A FABULOUS PRIZE~!
FOR ONE FULL DAY, YOU'LL HAVE THE HONOR OF WEARING THE ENCHANTED FAIRY BUSTIER, AN OUTFIT THAT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS!

.....
WAIT, ISN'T THAT WHAT HE'S WEARING RIGHT NOW?

THE FOLLOWING WEEK.
ALL RIGHT, MY FAIRIES! IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR OUR LONG AWAITED TIP RACE TO BEGIN~!


IT'S BEEN IMBUED WITH MAGIC, NOT ONLY TO PERFECTLY FIT THE BODY OF ITS WEARER, BUT ALSO THE MAGIC OF CAPTIVATION~!
THIS BUSTIER IS A SACRED FAMILY HEIRLOOM! IT WAS ORIGINALLY WORN BY THE GIRL WHO CAPTURED THE HEART OF THE PEERLESSLY HANDSOME PRINCE HENRY III!

BLANCH
OH GOD, IS THAT THE CAPTIVATION MAGIC?!
Nooo


JUST YOU WATCH. WHEN I GET SERIOUS...
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LOSE TO A WOMAN LIKE HER!

WOW! WONDERFUL, MI MADEMOI-SELLE!
MM! OUI~! TRÈS BIEN~!
わしゃ BUSTLE
わしゃ BUSTLE
HUH?
IT'S WEIRD, BUT THAT GUY DOESN'T LOOK HALF BAD IN THAT OUTFIT...

IS SAITO REALLY OKAY WITH OTHER MEN TOUCHING ME...?
Whoops!

BUT...

WHAT THE HECK, GENETICS?!

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ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier

Chapter 6: The Enchanted Fairy Tavern – Part III

I KNOW I SAID I'D BE GREAT AT THIS...
CLINK
CLINK
FSHH
.....
BUT NOW... I JUST WANT TO DISAPPEAR.
NOT DOING SO HOT?
YOU SEEM PRETTY CASH-LIGHT AT THE MOMENT.
CREAK
WHOA! I'VE ALREADY MADE 120 EQUI IN TIPS!
TWITCH

THEY DON'T TIP YOU IF YOU AGREE NOT TO PUNCH THEM!
You have to stop screaming when they make you mad
Just ignore the sexual harassment stuff
You can't wait on them if you've got your hands folded together
THEY DON'T TIP YOU IF YOU'RE QUIET.
THEY DON'T TIP YOU IF YOU'RE SWEET.
STIIIGH...

SNAP
Rrgh!
I KNOW THAT!
YOU NEED A BETTER ATTITUDE IF YOU WANNA MAKE TIPS.

TCH...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA WIN OVER CUSTOMERS WITH THAT FACE!
CRIPES.

DART
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, MADAM LOUISE!
PAT
SIGH.
THEY'RE BRIGHT RED...
STING
STING

BOFF
I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GATHERING INFORMATION. WHY DO I EVEN HAVE TO DO THIS...?
KNOCK
KNOCK
DINNER TIME.
RUSTLE
I DON'T WANT IT.
JUST EAT UP, WILL YOU? OR YOU'LL GET SICK.
I HURT MY HAND...
I CAN'T HOLD A SPOON!
THEN I CAN...FEED YOU, I GUESS.
OKAY?
NN...
PLIP

Huh?!
WHAT ABOUT OUR MISSION?!
I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE ACADEMY!
SNIFF
SNIFF
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANY-MORE...
SNIFF
.....
LOOK. YOU HAVE TO RETHINK THIS.
THAT'S WHY SHE ASSIGNED YOU THIS JOB!
THE QUEEN TRUSTED YOU...
GRAB
YOU LOST ALL OUR MONEY WHEN YOU GOT WORKED UP AT THE CASINO...
AND NOW, THROWING AROUND YOUR NOBLE ATTITUDE IS JUST PISSING OFF THE CUSTOMERS--
CRUSH
HOW IS ANY OF THAT HELPING US GATHER INFORMATION?
WH-WHAT --?!
EVERYONE HERE IS WORKING!
JUST LOOK. LOOK!

ONLY YOU NOBLES CAN WASTE THE DAY...
AND STILL GET FED AT THE END OF IT.
.....
!!!
RUMMAGE
WHAT'S THAT?
A CREAM. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD FOR CRACKED SKIN.
ぽか
POP
JESSICA GAVE IT TO ME.
GIMME YOUR HANDS.
HUH?
AH...!
TUG

.....
.....
ALL RIGHT.
ALL RIGHT WHAT?
I'LL POUR THEIR DRINKS.
I'LL EVEN **WASH** THE DISHES.
BUT ARE YOU... REALLY ALL RIGHT WITH THIS?
HUH?
YEAH?
SOUNDS GOOD.
Phew!

TWITCH
ACK!
F...
FOR YOUR MISTRESS...
TO BE TOUCHED BY OTHER MEN?
URRRM...
TELL ME!
WELL?
SNP
I MIGHT HAVE TO SMACK SOMEONE. IF THAT HAPPENS.
REALLY.
YEAH. YOU.
SMACK ME?!
HOW COULD A FAMILIAR DARE TO THREATEN HIS MISTRESS?!
MAYBE I'LL LET IT SLIDE IF THEY JUST TRY TO HOLD YOUR HAND...
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION!

WHY WOULD YOU SMACK ME?!
Waaah!!
YOU DOG!
.....
FINE.
THEN MAYBE I'LL WEAR THE ENCHANDTED FAIRY'S BUSTIER AND SEDUCE ALL THE CUSTOMERS.
I'LL DO IT ALL FOR THE TIPS.
HUH?
AND IT WON'T JUST BE MY HAND I'LL LET THEM TOUCH.
GLENCH
I'LL GIVE THEM ACCESS TO EVERYTHING!
WHAAAAAAAT?!!

COVER 110th!!
DID THE TIP RACE SCRAMBLE YOUR BRAIN?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR! HEY, I'M TALKING TO YOU!!
QUIET--I'M TRYING TO SLEEP.
BATTLE
Waah! Waaah!
THE FINAL DAY OF THE TIP RACE: INTERIM RESULTS.
MURMUR
MURMUR
GATHER 'ROUND, MY FAIRIES!

BRAVO!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE FAIRY CURRENTLY LEADING IN TIPS IS MY DAUGHTER, JESSICA!
WITH 160 EQUI!!
!?
BRIGHTEN
NOW, THEN!
READY OR NOT, TODAY'S THE FINAL DAY OF THE TIP RACE!
BUT IT'S ALSO THE END OF THE MONTH, SO WE'RE EXPECTING LOTS OF CUSTOMERS...
WHICH MEANS THIS IS STILL ANYONE'S GAME!
YES!
MI MADEMOI-SELLE!
HEY, SO... HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE?
.....
WHISPER
EXTEND

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CLINK
THAT'S IT?
THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN MAKE A COMEBACK.
I WILL NOT LOSE. SO THERE!!
I WANT HER TO TRY HER BEST, BUT...
NOT BY GIVING UP HER, UH, EVERY-THING?
BUSTLE
BUSTLE

GRIN

IS SOMETHING WRONG?
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
NO, SIR.
IT'S JUST, YOU SEEMED SO SPLENDID THAT I...
HA HA! THANK YOU.
BOW
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME TONIGHT...
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
KIND SIR.
HOW NOBLE...!
MAGNIFICENT!
OOOOOOOH
BUSTLE
CLENCH
YES!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

IF I KEEP THIS UP, I'LL COMPLETE MY MISSION, TOO!
!
BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR.
WE NEED REAL LEADER-SHIP.
WHISPER
WHISPER
THERE'S NO WAY SOME SHELTERED LITTLE GIRL CAN RUN A NATION.
AND THEY'LL PROBABLY RAISE TAXES AGAIN TO STRENGTHEN THE MILITARY...
IT'S RIDICULOUS.
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE QUEEN IS LOSING POPULARITY.
AND A WAR THAT WON'T END, COUPLED WITH THIS RECESSION ...
EVERY-ONE'S WORRIED SICK.
I'LL REPORT ALL OF THIS.
HER MAJESTY NEEDS TO KNOW.
CHATTER-CHATTER

WHAM
SILENCE
AH, MY LORD!
THIS PLACE SEEMS TO BE DOING WELL.
SO...
WHO'S THAT GUY?
.....
I'M HERE AS A CUSTOMER TODAY.
NO NEED TO MAKE EXCUSES.
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT. THIS IS JUST AN UNUSUAL DAY.
THUNK

HE'S A NOBLEMAN-- TURRENNE, THE MINISTER OF TAXATION AROUND HERE.
HE LIKES TO COME AROUND TO ALL THE SHOPS IN THE AREA AND FORCE US TO GIVE HIM FREEBIES.
IF HE DOESN'T LEAVE HAPPY, HE'LL PUT A RIDICULOUS TAX ON YOUR STORE AND FORCE YOU OUT OF BUSINESS!
SHAA
WILL NO ONE POUR THE QUEEN'S MINISTER OF TAXATION A DRINK?!
STEP
TWITCH
YOU LOOK SO... SPLENDID TONIGHT, SIR.
TWITCH
TWITCH
POUR
WHAT'S THIS?
A YOUNG MAID?

PERHAPS I, LORD TURRENNE, CAN EXAMINE YOUR ENDOWMENTS, HM...?
LET ME SEE NOW.
GRR!
DART
SAITO ...!
?!!
BOOT
Y-YOU LITTLE...! HOW DARE YOU KICK A NOBLE IN THE FACE!!
BACK OFF, OLD MAN.
THUD
GAH!

NOBLE OR COMMONER, IT DOESN'T MATTER...
THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S ALLOWED TO TOUCH LOUISE IS ME!!
.....!
SWING
GOSH
CAPTURE THE BOY... AND THE GIRL WITH THE WASHBOARD CHEST!!
I LEFT DERFLINGER BACK IN MY ROOM!
CRAP!
FLASH
WHOA!
WHAT THE --?!

TWITCH
WHY?
WASHBOARD...?
ALL OF YOU.
EVERY SINGLE TIME...!
WHY WOULD YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
RRRR

I'VE NO NEED TO NAME MYSELF TO SOMEONE SUCH AS YOU.
I AM LADY-IN-WAITING TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN-- AND THE THIRD DAUGHTER OF A HOUSE WITH A MOST NOBLE AND ANCIENT TRADITION.
MAGIC? HOW COULD ...?
WHO... ARE YOU?!
SHAA
BEEP
I-I-I'M SO SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME! DON'T KILL ME!
Toss
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS AN APOLOGY! I BEG OF YOU!!!
FLEE
CHAK
THAT WAS AMAZING, LITTLE LOUISE!
YOU'VE MADE MY LIFE A LOT EASIER.
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!!
PRAISE

I'M SORRY.
FOR... LYING AND CONCEALING MY STATION LIKE THAT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. WE ALREADY KNEW.
HUH?
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
IT WAS REALLY OBVIOUS FROM THE WAY YOU ACTED, DUH.
ACK.
CLAP
NOW!
SINCE ALL OUR CUSTOMERS HAVE GONE HOME FOR THE NIGHT...
I'LL BE ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS OF THE TIP RACE~!
To be continued!

THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S ALLOWED TO TOUCH LOUISE IS ME!!

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ZERO'S
FAMILIAR
Chevalier

MR. SAITO!
WHY ARE YOU SO HURT?!
LOUISE... GOT ME BAD.
ボロボロ
ROUGHED UP
OWW...
Side Story: Saito's Trick

AND JUST FOR TEARING HER UNDERWEAR WHEN I WAS DOING HER LAUNDRY...
THAT'S A NOBLE FOR YOU.
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO GET BACK AT HER...

Woo!
Woo!
HM!

SCARY STORIES, HUH?
IT LOOKS LIKE SCARY STORIES ARE REALLY BIG WITH THE GIRLS AT THE ACADEMY RIGHT NOW.
キュピーン
PERK
!

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BRIGHTEN
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT.
Phew
IT'S DELICIOUS!

THAT NIGHT.
IT'S TO MAKE UP FOR TEARING YOUR UNDERWEAR EARLIER.
I MIXED IN SOME HONEY AND LEMON

WHAT MADE YOU BRING THAT UP...?
I HEARD THERE'S A GHOST HAUNTING THE GIRLS' DORMITORY.
BY THE WAY...

SMIRK

THE STORY GOES...
WHEN YOU GO TO THE BATHROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
YOU HEAR A KNOCK ON EVERY DOOR. AND THEN A GIRL'S VOICE ASKS YOU...
SPOOKY
SPOOKY

I HEARD SOME GIRLS TALKING ABOUT IT IN THE COURTYARD.
SCARY STORIES ARE PRETTY HOT RIGHT NOW, HUH?
LIKE THERE'S SUCH A THING.

"RED PANTIES?"
"OR BLUE PANTIES?"
"WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER WEAR?"
IF YOU ANSWER RED, THEN YOU'LL DIE ALL BLOODY.
IF YOU ANSWER BLUE, THEN YOU DIE AFTER HAVING ALL THE BLOOD DRAINED OUT OF YOU.
AND IF YOU DON'T ANSWER AT ALL, THE NEXT DAY YOU GET A FEVER AND DIE...
I HEARD THE GHOST WAS A COMMONER WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST NOBLES.
D-
DON'T THEY HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
I GUESS A LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE IN FOOLISH THINGS LIKE THAT.
Well, I only just heard about it too
TURN
BUT THERE IS ONE WAY YOU CAN AVOID HER QUESTION AND SURVIVE.
YOU CAN'T WEAR PANTIES AT ALL THE NEXT DAY.
SMIRK
I'M GOING TO BED!
TURN OFF THE LIGHTS, PLEASE!
BOFF
THAT'S SO INCREDIBLY STUPID!

UGH... I WISH I DIDN'T DRINK THAT JUICE!
NOW I NEED TO USE THE BATHROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SLAM
CREEEEEEAK
JUMP
CLOSE
KNOCK
KNOCK
"WHEN YOU GO TO THE BATHROOM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, YOU HEAR A KNOCK ON EVERY DOOR.
"AND THEN A GIRL'S VOICE ASKS YOU..."
IT C-CAN'T BE.
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!

"I HEARD THE GHOST WAS A COMMONER WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST NOBLES."
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
NO! IS IT REALLY THE GHOST?!
A YOUNG WOMAN'S VOICE!!
RED PANTIES OR BLUE PANTIES? WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER WEAR?
SILENCE...
"BUT THERE IS ONE WAY YOU CAN AVOID HER QUESTION AND SURVIVE."
SAITO!
WHAM
FUME FUME

FAINT
AND THAT WAS A GHOST!!
SNORE
HE'S ASLEEP?
THEN HE WASN'T PLAYING A TRICK ON ME...
STARE
CHIRP
CHIRP
YEAH, YEAH.
DARN IT, SAITO. WALK A LITTLE SLOWER!
PULL
PULL
YOU CAN'T WEAR PANTIES AT ALL THE NEXT DAY.
LOOKS LIKE EVERY-THING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN.

NOW, MAYBE SHE'LL GIVE ALL US LOWLY COMMONERS A BREAK!
PULL
PULL
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR ME TO TELL SIESTA THE TRUTH...
MR. SAAAITO!
Good morning
SIESTA!
TP
TP
I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT THAT BATHROOM THING WE TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY...
FRET
FRET
UH, HANG ON--WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER...
THE "BATH-ROOM THING" ...?
SILENCE...
YES.
MR. SAITO ASKED ME TO INSPECT THE BATH-ROOMS LAST NIGHT.

DART
EVEN AFTER I USED THE MAGIC PASSWORD ON IT...
AND HE WAS RIGHT! THERE WAS ONE DOOR THAT WOULDN'T OPEN
RRRUMBLE
HE THOUGHT ONE OF THE LOCKS ON THE DOORS MIGHT BE BROKEN...
TWITCH
TREMBLE
!!
WHERE'S MR. SAITO GOING?
GUST
IT WAS A LITTLE WEIRD...
AND WHAT EXACTLY WAS THAT PASS-WORD?

"RED PANTIES OR BLUE PANTIES? WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER WEAR?"
FLIP
OR SOME-THING.
FLUTTER
WAH!
FLAP
SNIFF
SNIFF

I'LL HAVE SOMEONE WASH THEM... AND RETURN THEM TO YOU LATER.
LEND ME THESE.
AH!
PULL
はぎ
MISS VALLIÈRE?
GRAB
カ!!!!
はぎ
PULL
GLINT
キラン
AND I'LL TELL YOU WHICH PANTIES I PREFER TO WEAR.
I'D SAY THAT PLAN BACKFIRED.
DASH
THE PANTIES OF WRATH!
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YOU CAN'T WEAR PANTIES AT ALL THE NEXT DAY.

Words of Support From Series Author:
Noboru Yamaguchi

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RELEASE OF *ZERO'S FAMILIAR CHEVALIER*! WOW, LOUISE IS CUTE. SIESTA'S CUTE. AND EVERYONE FROM TABITHA AND HENRIETTA, TO KIRCHE AND COLBERT AND GUICHE ARE ALL SO *CUTE*! LOUISE'S ANGRY FACE IN PARTICULAR IS JUST AMAZING. YOU COULD SAY IT'S A SHY SORT OF ANGER, AND SHE JUST NAILS THE DELICATE BALANCE OF IT. IN ALL THE FANTASY SCENES HIGA-SENSEI DRAWS, I REALLY GET THE SENSE THAT SHE TRULY LOVES THIS GENRE--IT'S JUST SUCH WONDERFUL ART. THE SCENE ON THE BOAT MADE MY HEART POUND. BOY, OH BOY...! IT WAS SO EMOTIONAL FOR ME TO SEE THAT SCENE COME TO LIFE IN ILLUSTRATION. IT WAS SO GOOD. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIGA-SENSEI A NUMBER OF TIMES, AND SHE SEEMS LIKE A PERSON WHO TACKLES A PIECE WITH NOTHING BUT SINCERITY AND PASSION. I FEEL LIKE THE STORY WILL JUST CONTINUE TO GET BIGGER AND BETTER IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE JUST HOW HIGA-SENSEI TURNS THIS INTO ART!

HIGA-SENSEI, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR AN AMAZING MANGA VERSION.

AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU, DEAR READERS, WILL PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT *ZERO'S FAMILIAR CHEVALIER* FROM THIS DAY ON! AND PLEASE ALSO SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL NOVELS ALONGSIDE IT!

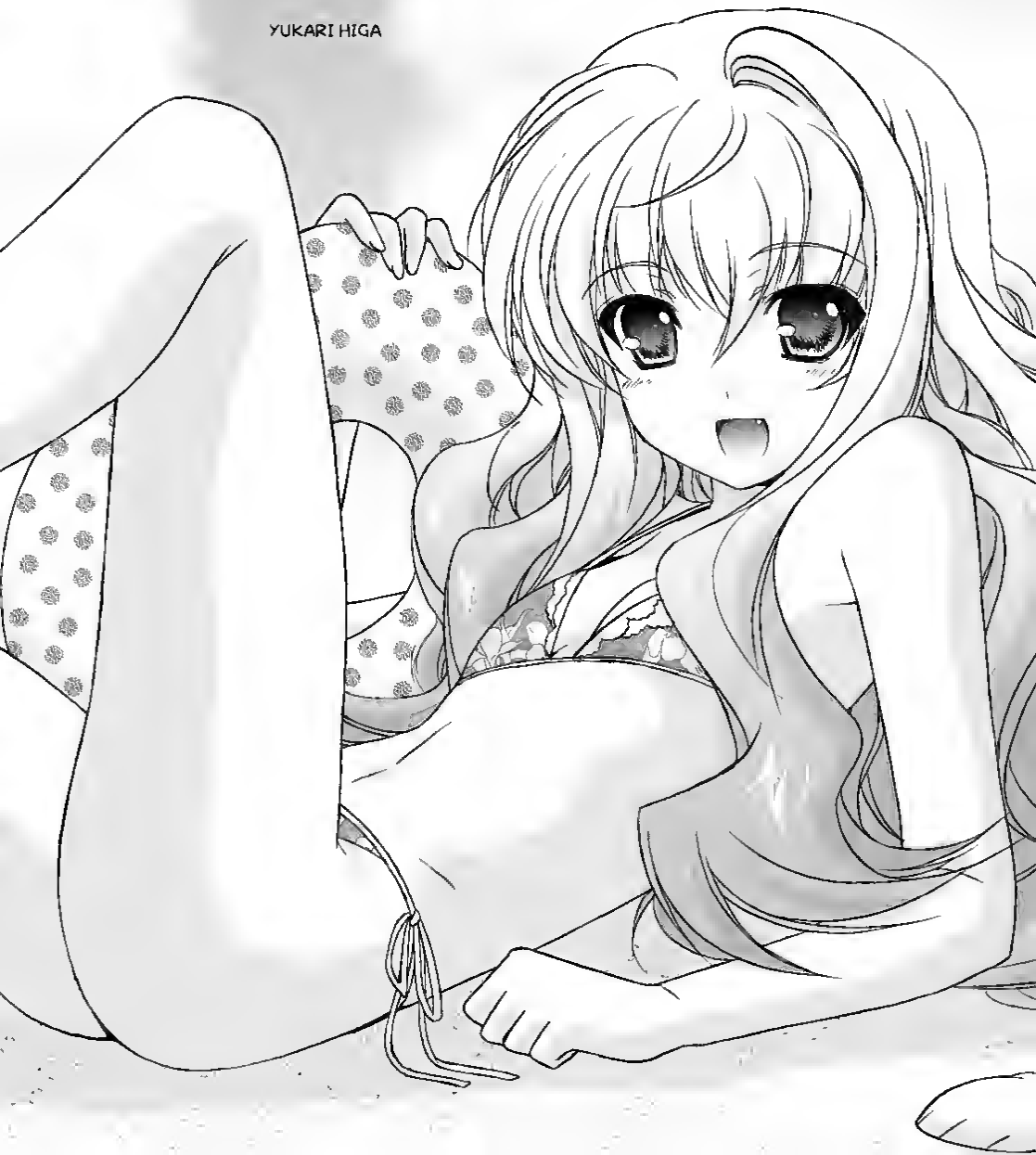
NOBORU YAMAGUCHI

CONGRATULATIONS
ON COMICS VOLUME 1!
Hi, everyone. It's Eiji Usatsuki!
Congratulations on being adapted into a comic!
It feels like just yesterday that I heard Higa-san would be handling the manga version of Zero's Familiar.
I look forward to seeing how Higa-san's cute and fine-lined Louise and Saito fare in the future! (I know there will be a lot of panty shots to come, so I'm rather excited about that prospect as well!)
Please do your best so that you put out Volume 2 and 3 bam bam one after the other!
Eiji Usatsuki
2010.8

AFTERWORD

HELLO, EVERYONE, AND NICE TO MEET YOU!
MY NAME IS YUKARI HIGA
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING ZERO'S *FAMILIAR CHEVALIER*!
IT WAS SO MUCH FUN TO DRAW LOTS AND LOTS OF LOUISE.
I'LL DO MY BEST IN VOLUME 2 AS WELL,
SO I HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!
UNTIL NEXT TIME~!

YUKARI HIGA



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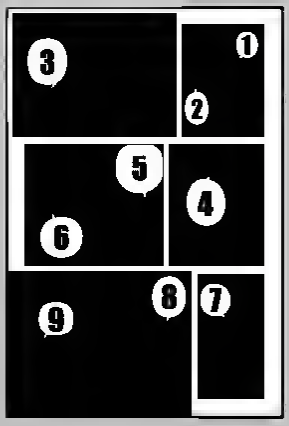

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